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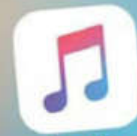
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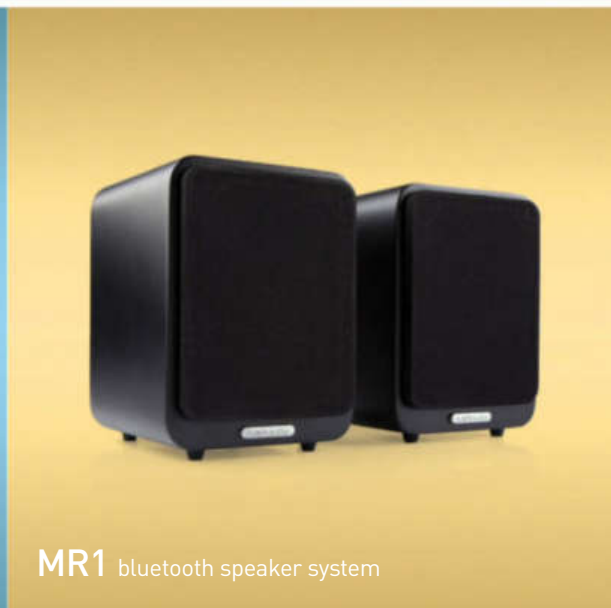


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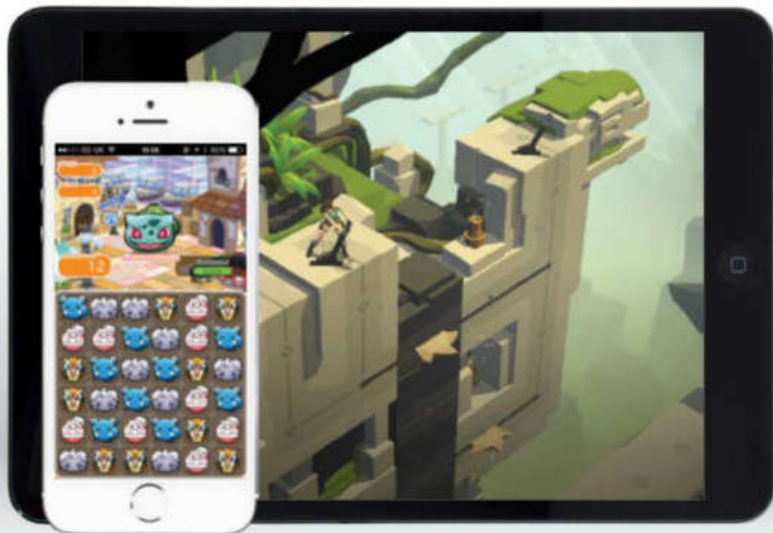
We are a family-owned British company, passionate about sound and design. With our heritage in world-class high-fidelity speakers, today we've applied our skills to create a new generation of perfectly formed music systems with wide ranging appeal. Whether you're looking for beautiful design or perfect sound, we think you'll be impressed by what we have to offer. Most importantly, all our products are engineered to last, with qualities you will cherish and enjoy for years to come.





# WELCOME TO APPS MAGAZINE

Your essential apps guide every issue



## The team recommends...

### DAN HUTCHINSON

Editor in Chief



If you check your emails on the go a lot, install *Outlook* (page 34) now. Microsoft's latest is a home run, packed with innovative features that make sorting emails easy.

### JACK PARSONS

Editor



After the success of *Hitman GO*, it's great to see *Tomb Raider* getting the same treatment in *Lara Croft GO* (page 39). It looks great, plays even better.

### JAMIE FRIER

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Nintendo's first ever mobile game, *Pokemon Shuffle* (page 39) isn't exactly what everyone wanted, but is still utterly addictive.

### CARRIE MOK

Contributor



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### A GAME OF THRONES: GET INTO THE BOOKS

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.0.0



### LARA CROFT GO

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.0.47768  
● Android | OS 4.1 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.0.49572



### MICROSOFT OUTLOOK

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.3.8  
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v1.3.8



### POKEMON SHUFFLE MOBILE

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v1.0.5  
● Android | OS 4.1 | Freemium | v1.1.0

### A new iPhone means new apps.

From page six you can discover all you need to know about the iPhone 6s, but if you want to make the most of that 12MP rear camera, head to our Video Magic guide from page 18. It contains all the apps you need to shoot, edit and share videos on your smartphone. To make the most of that improved screen, check out the 25 most ground-breaking games from page 14. If classic gaming is more up your street, Steve Wilcox talks about bringing the ZX Spectrum to mobile on page eight.

For a festive flavour, the undead go head-to-head as we crown the best zombie game on page 36. To find out how to scare your friends with apps this Halloween, make sure you don't miss our guide on page nine. If you're more into tweeting than trick or treating, check out our other tutorial on page 42.

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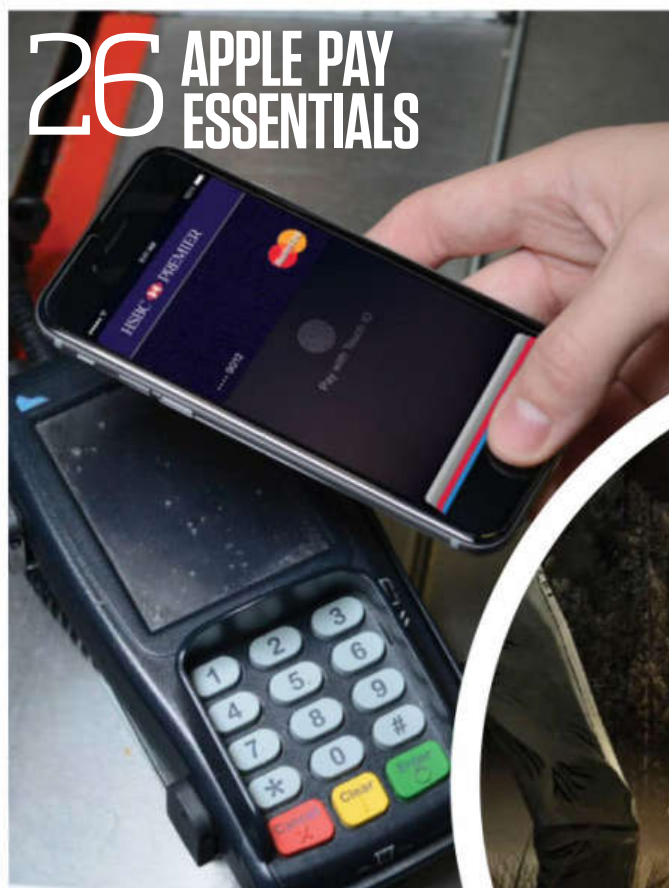
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- OPERATING SYSTEM**  
Certain apps only work on specific operating systems; check your device meets the specifications here.
- FORMAT**  
Some apps are specific to iPhone or iPad, however if listed with a plus symbol, apps will work on both devices.
- VERSION**  
We always review the latest versions of apps when going to publication, but bear in mind issues we outline may be fixed in updated versions.
- PRICE**  
We list the most up-to-date price possible, but check before purchasing. Note that free apps may still require some in-app purchases.

# IN TOUCH

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GET EXCITED ABOUT...

## A NEW APPLE TV!

IS IT THE FUTURE OF TELEVISION, CASUAL GAMING OR BOTH?

With the focus on the new iPhone 6S and iPad Pro at the recent Apple event, the launch of a new Apple TV model was somewhat overshadowed. And yet, of the three product lines, it's the one that's seen the biggest changes. Maybe that's not so surprising considering that it's been three years since the last model, but there's a lot to get excited about with the new Apple TV.

While the box itself doesn't look that different, its innards and software have undergone a complete overhaul. One giveaway is the swish new Siri Remote. Yes, that's right, built-in Siri voice control enables you to tell it what movie or TV show you want via a smart universal search function. You can even say something like 'Show that *Modern Family* episode with Edward Norton' and it'll find it.

"One of the challenges for all app businesses, be it on mobile, PC or TV, is discovery," comments tech analyst and mobile expert Jack Kent from IHS Technology. "Any innovation to help that process is to be welcomed."

The Remote also features a glass touchpad for fluid

navigation around the redesigned user interface. The latter runs on tvOS, a new operating system based on iOS. It's designed to make it easy for third-party developers to create apps – and games – using the same software frameworks used for iOS and OS X, "...but to be successful, they will need to make sure they address the differences between the devices," cautions Kent.

While the previous Apple TV could mirror iOS games to the big screen via AirPlay, the new model has its own games (and other apps) available from an App Store. The Siri Remote's built-in accelerometer and gyroscope enable Nintendo Wii-style motion control of games, as well as use of the touchpad. Some titles even feature multiplayer modes and while extra Remotes are quite pricey (£79/\$79), players can join in the fun using an iPhone or iPod touch. More conventional third-party game controllers will also be available, including the SteelSeries Nimbus.

The new Apple TV is due out in November, priced from £97/\$149 (32GB of storage) to £129/\$199 (64GB).



**TOUCH PAD**

The touch pad on the Remote is designed to provide fluid and precise control. What your finger does on the remote is exactly and immediately what it does on your screen. So, for instance, you can swipe quickly to the end of a row.

**PROCESSING POWER**

As it's 10mm taller than its predecessor, the new model packs a far more powerful A8 dual-core CPU, enabling it to run sophisticated apps. Ports include HDMI and Ethernet, but it lacks optical audio out.

**SIRI BUTTON**

Hold down the Siri button to access content using your voice. You can also use it while watching a movie or show; for instance, you could ask 'What did she just say?' and it'll rewind the footage 15 seconds and temporarily add subtitles.

**MOTION CONTROL**

A built-in gyroscope and accelerometer enable the Siri Remote to be used as a Wii-style motion controller for games. For instance, you could swing it to hit a ball in a sports game, or tilt to control a spaceship.

## FOUR APPLE TV LAUNCH GAMES

**BEAT SPORTS**

Created by *Rock Band* developer Harmonix, and designed exclusively for Apple TV, this is a collection of music-infused minigames loosely based on sports such as tennis, volleyball and golf. The rhythm-based action involves swinging and tapping the Remote to hit balls to play musical notes. It all looks very family-friendly.

● Apple TV | tvOS 1.0

**CROSSY ROAD**

Hipster Whale's hit iOS game makes the jump to Apple TV. As before, the retro-style action is akin to a 3D version of *Frogger* as you guide your character across hazard-filled roads and rivers. This time round though, a multiplayer mode enables up to four friends to cooperate or knock each other into the traffic!

● Apple TV | tvOS 1.0

**GUITAR HERO LIVE**

Activision's classic rhythm-action game lets anyone pretend to be a rock star for a few hours. Here you get to play the lead guitarist in ten bands, across two festivals, with real-life footage as a backdrop. It'll be interesting to see how well it plays when using the Siri Remote, but we really can't wait to get shredding.

● Apple TV | tvOS 1.0

**GALAXY ON FIRE – MANTICORE RISING**

The latest instalment of the action-packed space saga is due to arrive for the Apple TV launch, before other platforms. It will grant additional insights into the GOF game world. In the lawless Neox Sector, players set forth to take down ruthless warlords.

● Apple TV | tvOS 1.0

# GO RETRO WITH THE SPECTRUM

Long-standing games publisher Elite is evoking nostalgic memories by re-creating the glory days of the ZX Spectrum. Boss Steve Wilcox explains all

## RECREATED SINCLAIR ZX SPECTRUM

Developed to work with a full-size re-creation of the rubber-keyed ZX Spectrum, this app emulates many top Speccy titles.

● iPhone+ | TBC | TBC  
● Android | TBC | TBC



Steve Wilcox runs the games publisher Elite Systems. Founded in 1984, it released ports of some of gaming's most iconic titles including *Ghosts 'n Goblins*, *Dragon's Lair*, *Paperboy* and *Bomb Jack*.

It has produced a Bluetooth keyboard modelled on the ZX Spectrum which can be used to play games running on an iOS or Android device.

### What prompted you to re-create the ZX Spectrum system?

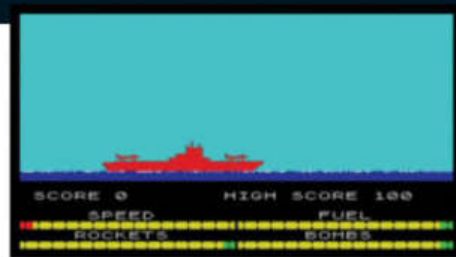
The ZX Spectrum is in Elite's DNA. We've been developing and publishing games for the original device for more than 30 years and, more recently, we've been making it possible to play classic Spectrum games on modern devices such as phones and tablets. That's proved to be popular and many hundreds of thousands of people have downloaded our apps. But there's been something missing. These games were designed to be played with a physical controller: a keyboard with 40 rubber keys. Hence, the Recreated ZX Spectrum.

### The Bluetooth keyboard can be linked to iOS and Android devices. Was this an important decision?

These days most of us carry much of what we need to create a game system in our pockets or bags: our phones and tablets. By developing the re-created device as a Bluetooth keyboard we've been able to offer fun or productivity on the go. It is also adaptable - we're currently working on an Android TV app.

### When developing the apps, what did you have to keep firmly in mind?

We wanted to have the best games, so the companion apps and the online web app that we have made include many classic titles not available for other contemporary systems: *Chuckie Egg*, *Jet Set Willy* and *Manic Miner* to name but three. We also wanted the re-created device to offer other functionality offered by the original ZX Spectrum. So we included Sinclair BASIC within the app to ensure that you can program with it.



*Harrier Attack* is one classic that will be playable on smart devices

### How did you go about securing the games?

We own many of the games since we developed and first published them in the Eighties. Others we've licensed from their current owners - whether companies or individuals. Philip Oliver, author of the hugely successful *Dizzy* games, confirmed he'd support them being made available for the re-created device and our goal is to have *Gauntlet*, *Paperboy*, *Commando*, *Ghosts 'n Goblins* and many other classics officially available. We foresee a couple of hundred of the very best Spectrum games available by the turn of the year or soon after.

### Why did you decide to have in-app purchases and how many games can we expect to see?

Where games require in-app purchase, that's a decision made by the current owners of the games, not by us.

### Why would gamers want to play older games when there are new titles around?

That's a question you'd have to put directly to those that already do. Kids have lots of fun with their Xboxes and PlayStations. There has to be something for dads too, doesn't there?

### Do you envisage the keyboard being useful for new games?

Well, it is the only keyboard device that allows fast, twitch games to be played on Apple phones and tablets - something that even Apple's own keyboard can't do. It's also perfectly possible to create an app that enables new ZX Spectrum games to be developed in machine code, using the re-created device, and that's something we'll be encouraging too.

**"WE INCLUDED SINCLAIR BASIC WITHIN THE APP TO ENSURE THAT YOU CAN PROGRAM WITH IT"**

## 05 TOP RETRO CLASSICS ON MOBILE

### TETRIS

It's the brick-falling game that made original hand-held systems, like the Game Boy, so popular.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0  
| £0.79/\$0.99 | v1.6.0  
● Android | OS 3.0  
| Freemium | v1.6.00

### DRAGON'S LAIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

With its cartoon-quality graphics, this may be low on gameplay but it still amazed gamers.

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3  
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.0

### SPACE INVADERS

At almost four pounds (five dollars), *Space Invaders* seems pricey. But at least it has great controls and the same cool gameplay as the original.

● iPhone+ | iOS 3.0  
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.0.7

### DIZZY

The adventure game was given an excellent remake.

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3  
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.0.2  
● Android | OS 3.0  
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v2.1

### BROKEN SWORD

*Broken Sword* is a popular, well-polished, classic point-and-clicker.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0  
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v2.0.3  
● Android | OS 2.3  
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v2.0.07



HOW TO...

# SCARE TRICK-OR-TREATERS

## HAUNTING APPS TO HUMILIATE FRIENDS THIS HALLOWEEN

It's almost that time of year again when young kids and grown adults don all kinds of weird and wonderful costumes to celebrate Halloween. Give this centuries-old tradition a modern twist by making the most of the apps on your phone: whether you want to scare trick-or-treaters at the door or an unsuspecting family relative, there are plenty of apps available to create a bump or two in the night. For maximum scares, use several in tandem.



### 01 Scan for activity

Nothing beats a good old ghost scanner for generating jumps in the darkness – even if your friends seem sceptical at first, the atmosphere of *Ghost Radar Legacy* will soon have them scrambling behind the sofa after every new beep on the phone.



### 02 Track ghosts

Not everything that happens in the app will make a lot of sense, but that just adds to the suspense, and you can ratchet up the tension with some well-timed play-acting. 'Words' floating through the ether can be picked up too.



### 03 Add scary sounds

Unfortunately you're going to have to spend some money to get a Halloween sounds box that's anywhere near decent (and not ad-infested), but *Scary Box* isn't too expensive and offers a wide selection of sounds to suit any spooky occasion.



### 04 Store favourites

With a long-press on any of the sounds inside the app you can store them as a favourite or have them repeat over and over again. You'll need to fork out £1.58 or \$1.98 to get rid of all the in-app adverts and unlock all the sounds.



### 05 Create a zombie

There are tons of make-your-own-zombie apps available for mobile devices, but *Make A Zombie 2* manages to be both fun and scary at the same time – you can choose from a variety of looks and adjust the grossness as you wish.



### 06 Get scaring

After you've created a zombie or two it's just a question of sharing the images with your 'friends' in whatever way you see fit (you can long-press on an image if you want to share it via social media). Some packs require an in-app purchase.

## APPS USED

### GHOST RADAR LEGACY



This ghost scanner may make non-believers change their mind.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0  
| Freemium | v3.3.3

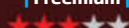


### SCARY BOX



Once you get past the ads and unlock all the sounds, you'll find that the sounds are a good quality and can be looped as required.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0  
| Freemium | v1.0



### MAKE A ZOMBIE 2



Intuitive to use, you can create your very own cartoon zombie with minimum fuss, and a lot of content is free.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1.1  
| Freemium | v1.3



### FINAL THOUGHT

Nothing quite beats jumping out of the darkness at someone, but if you do want to cause a few scares with your smartphone then there are plenty of ways to go about it – the biggest problem is finding the quality apps (like the three we've chosen) amongst the rather simple ones packed with advertising.



COMPETITION

# WIN! POWERUP 3.0

## TAKE TO THE SKIES WITH THIS SMARTPHONE-CONTROLLED PAPER AIRPLANE

It's time to unearth those quashed childhood dreams, a pilot might just be made of you yet. The PowerUp 3.0: Smartphone Controlled Paper Airplane is a world-first, a state-of-the-art jetpack to attach to your everyday paper aeroplane and steer it using your iPhone or Android smartphone. This Bluetooth-controlled aircraft only needs a single ten-minute charge to give you a spectacular 20 minutes of flight time.

The PowerUp utterly smashed its Kickstarter campaign - raising over \$1.2 million in funding. Fully crowdsourced, it's now available for everyone to buy. You can pick one up from Firebox.com for £39.99 and this also includes four standard

paper aeroplane templates and one waterproof design - a little bit of rain would never have deterred Top Gun's Maverick and Goose!

Aviation academy can eat your shorts - all you need to do is download the free companion app to begin. Then, simply tilt your phone to change the direction of this plane and you'll be able to control your plane for a range of 55 metres (180 feet). Packing more heat than a fighter jet, the PowerUp also has precise and flexible control.

Thanks to our friends at Firebox.com, we have one of these stupendous flying machines to give away. To win, go to our website and answer the following question.

**Q** WHAT APP DID WE REVIEW ON PAGE 27?

**A:** Line In The Sand **B:** Line Dancing **C:** Line Here

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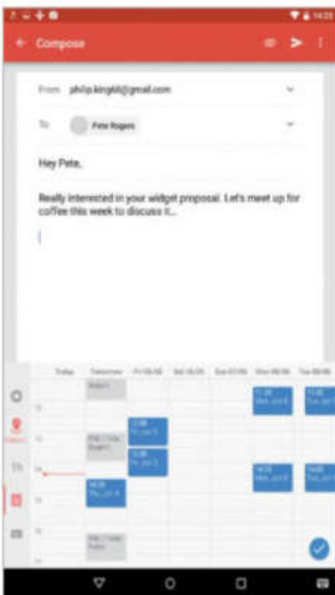


## MY HOME SCREEN

## TECH STARTUP

## THE TOP APPS TO GET YOUR NEW BUSINESS OFF THE GROUND

Start-up businesses are known for moving quickly. Today your company is just you and three other programmers working all hours in your parents' garage, tomorrow you're the next Facebook with a blue-chip stock and head office in San Francisco. To help you manage your time better, keep track of projects, stay on top of your bills and connect with your team, download these top ten apps now.



## SUNRISE CALENDAR

ALTERNATIVE TO: CALENDAR

Whether you're a high-powered business person or otherwise, you should be using *Sunrise* for all your scheduling. As well as providing a clean, clear way to see your schedule, its new keyboard features makes it even easier to arrange meetings.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v4.2.1  
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v4.2.0

## SLACK

ALTERNATIVE TO: MESSAGES

Communicating with your team is of the utmost importance, but can be difficult. *Slack* provides a private chatroom for your employees to quickly talk as an alternative to email.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.21  
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

## TED

ALTERNATIVE TO: VIDEOS

To find out how to become a better boss, get inspirational speeches about leadership from CEOs, scientists and activists with the *TED* video app. It's also available as a podcast.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v2.4.7  
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v2.4.0

## MINT

ALTERNATIVE TO: STOCKS

While we're sure you'll eventually float your IPO on the stock exchange, in the here and now you need to manage your bills rather than play with shares. *Mint* is the best finance manager around.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v4.4.1  
● Android | OS 4.4 | Free | v2.4.0

## WHEN I WORK SCHEDULING

ALTERNATIVE TO: CALCULATOR

Technically this is another scheduling app, however it also includes a very helpful break down of labour costs for your staff.

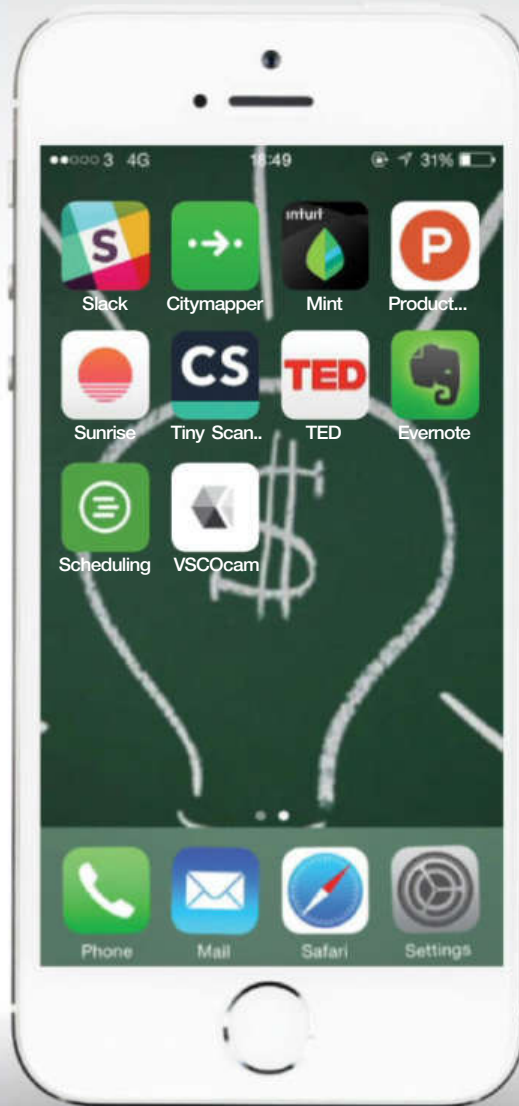
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Freemium | v4.1.3  
● Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies

## VSCO CAM

ALTERNATIVE TO: CAMERA

When it comes to getting your marketing images just right, there isn't a more professional camera app than *VSCO Cam*. It has a range of editing tools, images look magazine quality.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v4.3.4  
● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium | v3.4.2

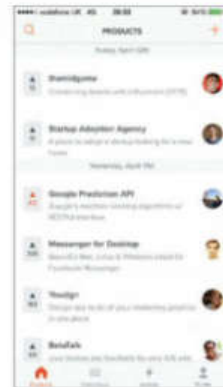


## PRODUCT HUNT

ALTERNATIVE TO: CONTACTS

While LinkedIn has its uses, anyone working in the tech industry should join *Product Hunt's* social network. As well as being able to share your app or gadget with a passionate consumer base, it's a great place to meet like-minded makers.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v2.3.1

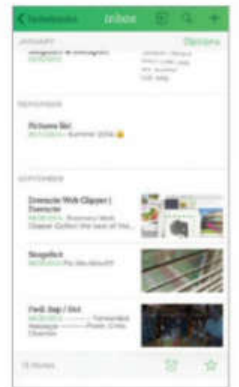


## EVERNOTE

ALTERNATIVE TO: NOTE

For a more organised approach to taking notes, try *Evernote*. As well as syncing across your mobile and desktop PC, you can categorise notes for faster filtering by making use of hashtags.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v7.7.11  
● Android | Varies | Freemium | Varies

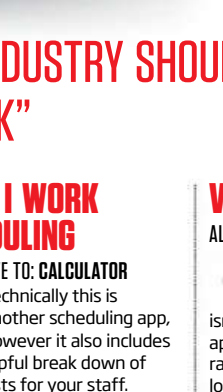


## CITYMAPPER

ALTERNATIVE TO: MAPS

Ensure you're never late for a business meeting with *Citymapper*. This provides directions whether you're driving, walking, cycling or need to know which Tube stop to get off at.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v.57  
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies



## TINY SCANNER

ALTERNATIVE TO: PHOTOS

Who needs office equipment when you have a smartphone? Quickly scan documents with a snap of your camera and back up documents to this app's gallery for easy access whenever you need them.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v4.1  
● Android | OS 3.0 | Freemium | v1.0.3



"ANYONE WORKING IN THE TECH INDUSTRY SHOULD JOIN PRODUCT HUNT'S SOCIAL NETWORK"

## GEAR ROUNDUP

### AVO POCKET SIZE SELFIE STICK

This summer's most pointless - but loveable - piece of gear gets downsized as Avo unleashes a pocket-sized selfie stick. Fitting snugly into just about any pocket that isn't stitched into skinny jeans, it successfully ensures that at every event you might unwittingly find yourself attending, you're bound to hear the battle cry of the teenage generation at least once - 'hold up, just let me take a selfie'. Android and Apple users, you've just found a new stick to view the world through.

★★★★★

Price (£7.99/\$TBC) | Avo | [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk)

### SEEK THERMAL COMPACT

Seek's thermal imaging camera falls into the 'pointlessly awesome' category. This is tech that's been exclusively available for professions like the military until now. This tiny attachable camera is intended to help enhance everything from DIY, plumbing and home security as it displays a temperature snapshot of your surroundings - but for \$250 it's little more than a well-built gimmick.

★★★★★

£224/\$249.99 | Seek | [thermal.com](http://thermal.com)



### FUEL ACTIVE PORTABLE CHARGER

Designed to accompany you for camping in the woods, Patriot's FUEL Active is a purse-sized portable charger equipped to keep you attached to Facebook out in the wild. That said, it had a tendency to not completely charge our smart devices completely to max capacity, while the three-stage LED flashlight often flickered. It isn't perfect so you might want something more reliable.

★★★★★

£24.99/\$19.99 | Patriot | [patriotmemory.com](http://patriotmemory.com)

### MC3 EARPHONES + HEADSET

We get it, you're after a pair of headphones that can not only deliver decent sound on the move, but also fits the remit of letting you make and receive phone calls, all the while not being entirely expensive. Etymotic is the latest manufacturer to attempt at a solution and, while there's a lot to like about the mc3s, they don't have it where it counts. The three-button phone control works well, but the sound lacks definition though thanks to a weak bass and a thin overall balance.

★★★★★

£80/\$79.99 | Etymotic | [etymotic.com](http://etymotic.com)



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# BASTION



*Bastion's* unique approach to games narration blurred the boundaries between player agency and an authored experience - making you, the active participant in the game, incredibly aware of your function and the impact you're having on the world. Whilst the game could be sold on its incredible visual presentation alone (the cartoon graphics are wonderful), it's the emotional resonance that the game offers through its narration that allowed it to worm its way into player's minds and hearts. Even for the players who want something a little bit deeper from their games mechanics, though,

*Bastion* delivers: there's an easy-to-learn, difficult-to-master RPG system that ticks over behind the scenes, making the encounters that glue the story together as fun to play as they are to watch as the action unfolds. All of this is supported by an incredibly understated but catchy soundtrack, and when you consider a team of nine people managed to put this entire game together, well it just makes the more conceited triple-A efforts on the mobile market look rather embarrassing.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1 | £3.99/\$4.99



Above *Bastion's* bright visuals offset the dark story with aplomb

"There's an easy-to-learn... RPG system"

# PASSAGE



This game will only take you five minutes to play, but that's kind of the point of it. It's presented in 100x16 pixels - an extreme letterbox - and is infamous for making their players cry. Developer Jason Rohrer wanted to show players how videogames can take you on a journey through birth, life and death with little more than a tiny screen and 8-bit processing power.

● iPhone+ | iOS 2.2 | £0.79/\$0.99

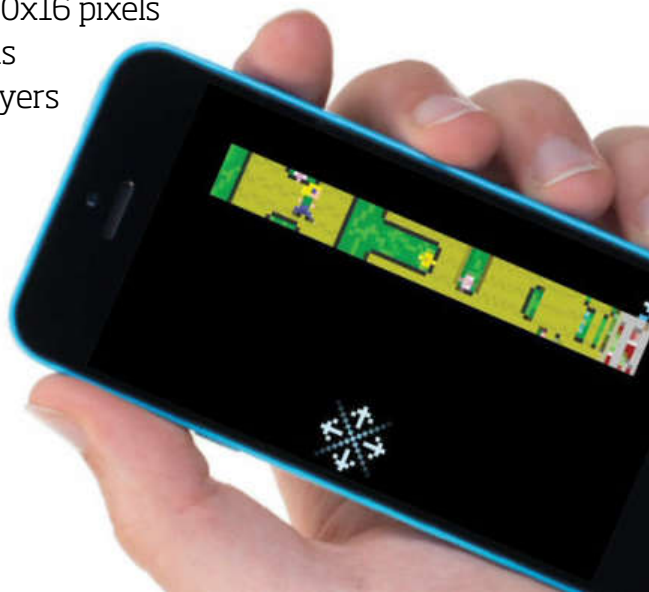
...And the most famous one  
**FLAPPY BIRD**  
Who'd have thought a game that borrowed some *Mario* assets and implemented a 'helicopter flying' style control scheme into a one-touch system would take over the world?



**FLAPPY BIRD**

● iPad+ | iOS 3.0  
| Free  
● Android  
| OS 4.0  
| Free

The letterbox presentation of the game is unique... and is perfect for the 'stories' it tells



# THE BEST ONE-TOUCH GAMES

## CANABALT



Originally a flash game, *Canabalt* basically invented the endless runner genre. Adam Saltsman's one-touch runner toyed with the idea of perpetual motion and did it in style - that greyscale pixel presentation and minimalist interface created lighting in a bottle, and was one of the first addictive experiences to hit smartphones.

● iPad+ | iOS 5.0 | £2.29/\$2.99  
● Android | OS 3.0 | £1.99/\$2.99

## BEAT SNEAK BANDIT



A refreshing change of pace from all the other puzzle games out there, *Beat Sneak Bandit* is like *Dance Dance Revolution* for your fingers. You've got to solve levels in time to the game's fantastic soundtrack, and it's challenging without being unfair. It merges amazing visual presentation with a fantastic control scheme, intelligent game design and so much unique musically derivative flair that there's been nothing quite like it, before or since the game published.

● iPad+ | iOS 3.1.3 | £2.29/\$2.99

## TINY WINGS



*Tiny Wings* starts with the core formula all the other endless runners of the market do - that 'one touch to jump' idea - and turns it neatly on its head. Your little bird avatar sinks and rises when you take your finger off the screen in equal momentum to how it fell. The game was a classic of iOS game design when it launched, and we're still waiting for something that'll come along and dethrone it.

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | £0.79/\$0.99

## JETPACK JOYRIDE



There's something about the way in which Halfbrick's endless runner is presented that made it far more compelling (and importantly) far more addictive than its genre rivals. Between the responsive and satisfying controls and the phenomenal sprite-work, we can't think of many more games on iOS or otherwise that offer you so much freedom from a one-finger input.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium  
● Android | Varies | Freemium

## KING OF THIEVES



From ZeptoLab (remember *Cut The Rope?*), *King Of Thieves* is an interesting take on the one-button game simply because of the way it integrated player-versus-player elements into the genre. You can set up your own dungeon and task players, join guilds and make teams to make the most impenetrable dungeons in the world judged on a week-by-week basis. Despite some flaws, it's a fantastic level-designer kit.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium  
● Android | Varies | Freemium



## TOP 5 ATMOSPHERIC PUZZLERS

### BOTANICULA

A puzzle game with heart and charm set in the middle of a tree... it doesn't sound like a particularly attractive prospect at first, does it? Still, *Botanica* is one of the freshest, most interesting puzzles around - rounded out with totally left-field logic, an art style we haven't seen tackled before (or since...) and a soundtrack to rival some of the biggest triple-A releases.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 5.1.1** | **£3.99/\$4.99**  
● **Android** | **OS 2.2** | **£3.99/\$4.99**

### LIMBO

'Uncertain of his sister's fate, a small boy enters *LIMBO*.'

That's all the exposition you're going to get with this one - the game relies on environmental storytelling and some cruel physics-based puzzles to do the rest. Presented in an eerie monochrome style, with a permanent sense of dread, *LIMBO* was a classic when it was released and has lost little of its charm since.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0**  
| **£3.99/\$4.99**  
● **Android** | **OS 4.3** | **£4.99/\$4.99**

### MACHINARIUM

We love *Machinarium* for its hand-drawn style, but it's stayed in our mind because of the point-and-click gameplay. You may get stumped by a single screen for over a week, but that's fine, because the way the game coaxes you into getting the right answers, and the gentle soundtrack that supports you will keep the frustration at bay.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 5.0**  
| **£3.99/\$4.99**  
● **Android** | **OS 2.3**  
| **£4.99/\$4.99**

### NIHILUMBRA

*Nihilumbra* centres around you - a strange, dark creature known only as the Void. Well now the Void wants you back. Between platforming and puzzling, you'll have to keep one step ahead of the Void at all times. It's a dark game - one that surprised us considering its presentation, and was harshly overlooked on its iOS release.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 5.1.1** | **£2.29/\$2.99**  
● **Android** | **OS 2.3** | **Freemium**

### CONTRE JOUR

*Contre Jour* is a platformer that focuses more on physics than left-field logic, but that doesn't mean it's any less valid a game than *Limbo* or anything else listed here. Over five chapters (and 100 levels), the game experiments with what handheld titles can do with physics, and the way that different characters work is fantastically smart.

● **iPad+** | **iOS 6.0** | **£0.79/\$0.99**  
● **Android** | **OS 2.2** | **£1.29/\$1.99**

## BROKEN AGE



More ground-breaking for how it was made than the eventual product, it was *Broken Age* that ushered in a

new era of crowd-sourced gaming and public-backed development. Double Fine's adventure game managed to rake in over \$3 million from backers, despite a meagre \$400,000 Kickstarter goal - making it one of the highest-backed projects gaming has ever seen. It proved to other developers that there is always an alternative to traditional publishing.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 5.0** | **£7.99/\$9.99**  
● **Android** | **OS 4.1** | **£5.39/\$6.99**

## BIT.TRIP BEAT



Calling itself an "arcade game for the new millennium", *Bit.Trip Beat* gives you one simple instruction: "avoid missing ball for high score". From there, you're on your own with this rhythm action/side scroller that began on the Wii: some pulsing colours, pixel art graphics and some club-inspired chiptunes are all that the game really needs to be as addictive as any high-budget release. The game's true

innovation, though, lies in the success of its Wii-to-mobile port, and how that process somehow didn't lose any of the game's charm.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **£0.79/\$0.99**  
● **Android** | **OS 2.2** | **£0.63/\$0.99**



## BUSINESS, NOT AS USUAL

*The Firm* is a more pacy game that takes an arcade approach to big business - putting you inside a corporation and making you control stocks.



### THE FIRM

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 5.1**  
| **£0.79/\$0.99**  
● **Android** | **OS 2.3**  
| **£0.84/\$0.99**

## PAPERS, PLEASE



As far as we can discern, this is the only game in the world that puts you in the shoes of a border control officer for a communist state. You're tasked with screening migrants or enforcing migration laws, and (if you're anything like us) you'll find yourself humbled by the gratitude of people you allow in as time goes by... but you'll also be appalled by the decisions you have to make. The game forces you to look inward, to be introspective and thoughtful, and consider the human cost by atrocious acts you may commit. If you don't do what the state says, your family will die. You'll find yourself squeezed for cash as winter sets in, as heating bills rise, as the general communist model begins to fall apart. The minimalist gameplay is actually one of the game's most intelligent design choices: the mundanity of it all just serves to drive its bleak dystopian point home even harder.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 5.0** | **£5.99/\$7.99**



## 8BIT DOVES



The most impressive thing about *8bit Doves* isn't the fantastically detailed

spritework, the Game Boy feel the game emulates so well or the 'don't touch the walls' gameplay, but rather the masterful free-form physics engine the game uses to fantastic effect. From looking at the screens, you'd think this was an offensively simple game... but it's really not.

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3 | £2.29/\$2.99  
● Android | OS 3.0 | £1.99/\$2.29

## HER STORY



*Her Story* burrowed into our brain and dug right in there, burying itself like a tick. It made us compulsively obsessed with small details, it made us listen intently to the sole character's voice, replaying bytes of sound over and over again as we scanned for a crack in the voice,

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

a change in pitch, a variance in intonation. It's a victory for the FMV, for mobile/PC games, and for interactive narrative as a whole.



## THE BEST OF THE REST

### 80 DAYS



Based loosely around Jules Verne's seminal novel, *80 Days* makes you a virtual valet managing the finances, health and time of their wealthy ward as they choose their path around the globe. There are so many twists that seem to contort with your choices that makes the game so ostensibly addictive.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | £3.99/\$4.99  
● Android | OS 2.3 | £3.00/\$5.00

### VVVVVV



Terry Cavanagh's puzzle platformer is generally agreed to be one of the purest, most genre-defining platformers on iOS. There is absolutely no filler content in the game - every element matters. The variation in level design deconstructs every mechanic on offer and is totally non-derivative.

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | £2.29/\$2.99  
● Android | OS 2.2 | £1.99/\$2.99

### DROPSY



*Dropsy* is about a clown that can't quite talk - his communication skills are practically non-existent. *Dropsy* is a point-and-click adventure that is totally non-verbal, making players try and interpret various symbols in the game world to fulfill their objectives. It's a bit weird and uncomfortable but - at its core - an incredibly sweet and thoughtful game.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | £2.99/\$3.99

### FTL: FASTER THAN LIGHT



One of the most brutally challenging strategy games available, *FTL* lets you outfit a ship exactly as you wish and tasks you with outclassing other space fighters to protect the Federation. You'll discover uncharted space, fight off slavers and do what it takes to survive in space. It's hard to finish and impossibly big, too.

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

### HEARTHSTONE: HEROES OF WARCRAFT



*Hearthstone* single-handedly made collectible cards cool again, and did it effortlessly. *Hearthstone*'s impact goes beyond the genre though: the game also changed how mobile developers think about IAPs and the free-to-play model - making the whole industry a fairer, more fun place to be.

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Free  
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free

## MONUMENT VALLEY

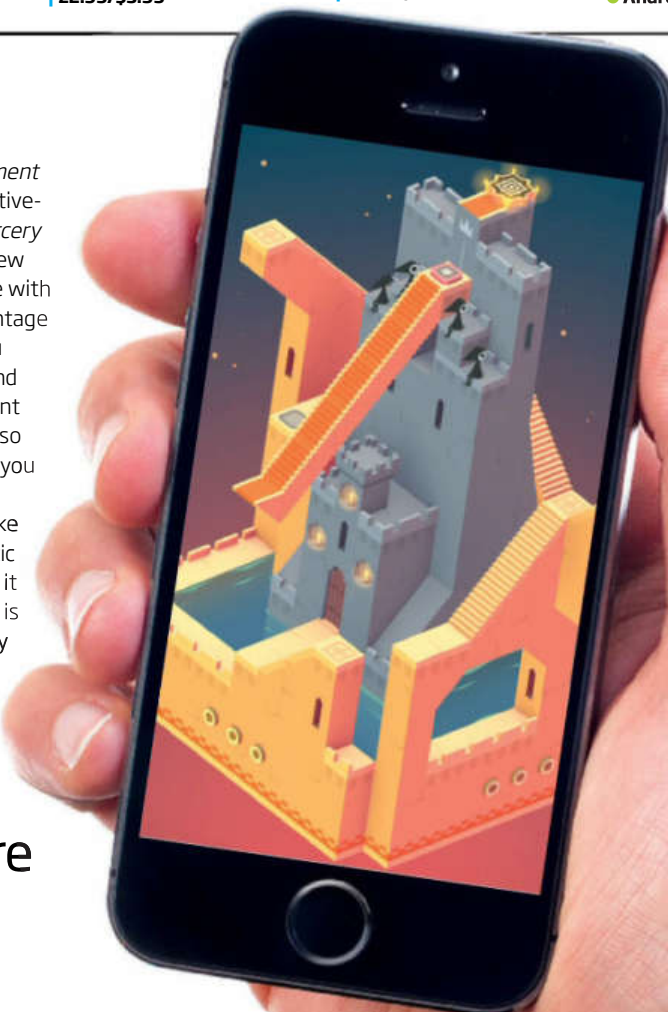


This is basically M. C. Escher the game. *Monument Valley* takes all the best bits of other perspective-based puzzle games like *Fez* and *Sword & Sorcery* and repurposes their brilliance into a whole new

type of game. *Monument Valley* basically invented a genre with the way it uses forced perspective and how it takes advantage of the 'sacred geometry' level design. It's inspirational. You play as a small girl exploring these isometric landscapes and over the ten levels, you'll be introduced to so many different mechanics it'll make your head spin. *Monument Valley* is also notable for its 'photo mode' - the free camera that allows you to detach from the fixed perspective and create your own screenshots, and then feed them through an *Instagram*-like filter and share how you like. The soothing, almost hypnotic presentation of the game is compounded by the way that it tricks you into thinking it's far more simple than it actually is because once you progress into the later levels, the tricky nature of the mechanics will captivate and inspire you.

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | £2.99/\$3.99  
● Android | OS 2.3.3 | £2.99/\$3.99

**"Monument Valley basically invented a genre with the way it uses forced perspective"**



Left *Monument Valley* started a trend in with its minimalist style

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You have no doubt seen countless videos on YouTube and Twitter which have those annoying black bars either side of the content. They detract from the video itself and also do not take advantage of the screen you will be watching it on, and it is all due to holding a phone or tablet in portrait mode rather than the recommended landscape orientation. Also, when you take videos it is all too easy to lose your level and end up with parts of a clip that simply do not look right, but all of these problems can be solved by this simple and very clever app. *Horizon* lets you hold your phone or tablet in any way you like and the end result will always be landscaped, as it should be, and much more pleasing to watch. It caters for slow

## EDIT VINE VIDEOS

Here is possibly the quickest solution to edit videos for *Vine* and *Instagram*, and to make sure they fit the network designs perfectly.



### VIDEO EDITOR FOR VINE, INSTAGRAM – FREE EDITION

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium

motion up to a huge 120FPS and also lets you select from a variety of commonly used aspect ratios. Add to this geotagging, lossless zoom and multiple resolutions among many other features and we have a solution that Google or Apple should bundle as standard in their devices. It's a great solution to a big problem.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Android | OS 4.3 | Freemium

**“Hold your phone or tablet in any way you like and the end result will always be landscaped”**

## 8MM VINTAGE CAMERA



We are all used to seeing old-fashioned filters applied to photos after they have been taken and even

during the capture process, but few apps can do this with live video. *8mm Vintage Camera*, however, lets you not only record videos

using effects inspired by various periods, but it also looks and feels like a vintage camera. You can also create movies with transitions and music too.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £1.49/\$1.99



Create videos from days gone by with *8mm Vintage Camera*

## EDIT YOUR MOVIES

### VIDEO TRIM & CUT

There will be times when you just want to trim a video clip that you have taken and often you will need to turn to a fully featured editor to undertake the task. With this app, however, you can trim a video in seconds and then export it in a variety of formats which ultimately makes it very powerful and exceptionally quick. It's a very clever and focused solution.

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Free

### VIDEO SWIVEL



Here is a solution to a problem that you have no doubt come across many times. *Video Swivel* can take any video that you have taken that is either upside down or sideways and fix the orientation for you instantly. This is a surprisingly difficult problem to fix, but it is one that has now become very easy thanks to this clever app. Well worth keeping for a rainy day.

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium

### INTRO DESIGNER FOR IMOVIE



If you use the *iMovie* app, you will be aware of the very clever themes it offers throughout, but it can be difficult to create completely original movies to share. With *Intro Designer* you get many more templates to work with, some of which can be completely customised with your own photos, and so the end result is more flexible, fun and original.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £2.29/\$2.99

### VIDEOHANCE – VIDEO EDITOR, FILTERS



This is one of the most complete video-editing apps we have ever seen because it includes a raft of very clever features that let you tweak clips in any way you like. From animated slideshows to frame styles, to powerful controls, it's all here and it works in a surprisingly simple manner. Some parts you may have seen before, but it's unusual to see so much in one app.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £2.29/\$2.99

### SQUARE VIDEO FOR INSTAGRAM & VINE



Presentation should be at the top of your list when it comes to sharing clips on social networks and *Square Video* is the perfect tool to highlight your attention to detail. It lets you capture videos in a square 1:1 frame, but you can also change the frame for videos you have taken so that they fit onto *Instagram* and *Vine* perfectly. It's simple, but it really works.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £1.49/£1.99  
● Android | OS 4.3 | Freemium



# SHOOT VIDEOS IN STYLE

## IMOTION



Stop motion and time-lapse videos are almost always great to view, but have historically been very time-consuming to create. With *iMotion*, however, you can use the various capture modes to create professional results and also change the frame rate and orientation as required. Finally, the sharing mechanism is particularly impressive so you can show off your work easily.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.1 | Freemium

## YOUTUBE CAPTURE



This app doesn't offer features that are unusual, but it does greatly speed up the time needed to capture and upload YouTube videos. You can stitch together multiple clips and also add a soundtrack before making the final upload, and it really is surprising how quickly all of this can be accomplished. Sometimes the simplest solutions prove the most useful.

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Free

## GOPRO APP



If you own a GoPro, this app is the perfect companion and is one that can help you capture even more impressive videos than previously. It works as a remote control for your GoPro, which will prove useful in a variety of situations, and it also gives you access to the GoPro Channel where you can view videos for entertainment or to gain inspiration for your next video.

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free  
● Android | OS 4.1 | Free

## STEADY CAMERA – VIDEO STABILIZER & SLO-MO CAPTURE



The slow-motion features within *Steady Camera* are useful to have, but they are no way near as useful and innovative as the stabilisation setup. You can now capture videos while walking or even running, and two formats are also supported for good measure. It sounds far too good to be true, but in our testing the results proved that it really does work very well indeed.

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

## SPARK CAMERA



The real genius of *Spark Camera* is in the way that it works and the clever way that it makes use of your gestures and touch. You can press and hold anywhere on the screen to start the recording and then stop recording by simply lifting your finger. Changing filters is done by sliding your finger, and the extra features are all available with one single tap as well. It's a natural video capture app that is also very easy to use.

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | £2.99/\$3.99

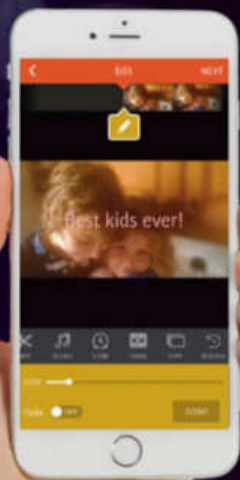
## VIDEOSHOP



*VideoShop* looks like a fun app which can help you make basic edits to your

videos, but when you dive in to the features, you will be very surprised at just how complete and flexible it is. Everything, from visual effects such as brightness to contrast, are included alongside transitions and cropping, and all of these are extremely easy to use throughout. This truly is a brilliant video editor.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99  
● Android | OS 4.3 | Free



## QUICKLY EDIT FOOTAGE

Here is an incredibly easy way to change the speed of specific parts of any video you have taken. The end results can be very impressive.



## VIDEO SPEED EDITOR PRO

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £0.79/\$0.99

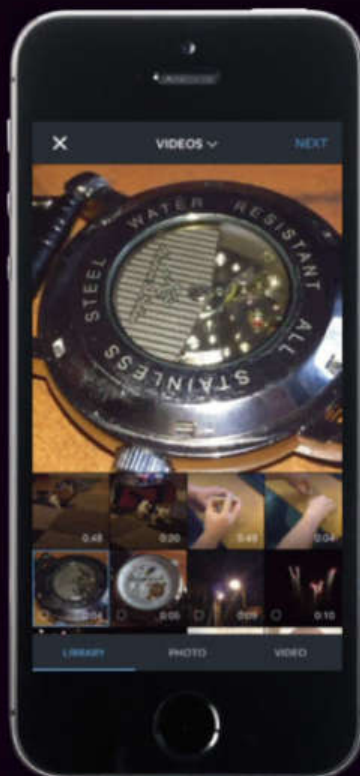
## INSTAGRAM



We tend to associate *Instagram*

with photos, but it is now possible to share and edit your videos in seconds just as you would have done with a still image. The interface is as clean and simple as ever, and the inclusion of video content has done nothing to take away from what has made *Instagram* the massive success that it is today. The video stabilisation feature is also one of the highlights in this excellent package.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Android | Varies | Free



## ACTION MOVIE FX



*Action Movie FX* is without doubt one of the most original and impressive video creation apps available today, and it is only when you start using it that you will realise this. You can select any video in your library and then choose from a variety of stunning effects which are overlaid to produce what look like genuine special effects. The processing time is short and the end results are always surprising, sometimes scary and often highly amusing. With a little bit of thought and some clever timing, which the app will help you with, you can produce and share hilarious clips that will amuse and amaze your friends in equal measure. There is a decent selection of free effects included and you can buy more, but no matter what you do the continual pleasure you will gain from your creations will always amaze.

Whether you email the videos or share them on social media, like on *Facebook* or *Instagram* which are both supported within the app, you will quickly find yourself addicted to the process.

● iPad+ | iOS 5.1.1 | Freemium





## MOVIEPRO



It would be fair to say that the iPhone and iPad video capture features are limited, but with *MoviePro* you can add more flexibility to the overall experience. The best features include exposure, white balance and colour temperature adjustment, but there is also more on offer here if you take time to fully explore the full app. It will greatly enhance your video capture capabilities.

● **iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99**

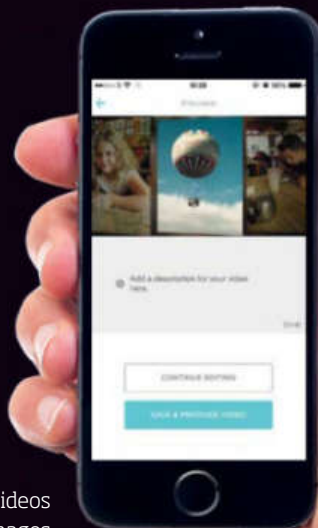
## ANIMOTO VIDEO MAKER



*Animoto* lets you create professional videos with no knowledge at all and, surprisingly, no videos. You get to select from your photo library, choose a theme and then let the app do the work of adding transitions and making the end result look perfect. It works much better than we expected and is a quick solution for sharing event snaps with friends and family.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium**  
● **Android | OS 2.2 | Freemium**

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## NOVEL VIDEO APPS

### FILMIC PRO



There are professional apps and then there is *FILMIC Pro*. It includes a range of stunning features such as high-speed frame rates, 2K resolution support and downsampling, but it is the interface which stands out among a myriad of clever parts. It means that you can control the huge amount of included power and create top-class videos with ease.

● **iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | £5.99/\$7.99**

### COLLABRACAM



This app is very specialist, potentially niche and will not be used by many people, but boy it is novel. You can capture a moment from up to six iOS devices at once and even edit the resultant video in real-time, just like TV and editing companies can. Even more surprising, it works in a way which is obvious from the start and is also great fun to use.

● **iPad+ | iOS 8.4 | £4.49/\$5.99**

### GAME YOUR VIDEO



Many apps enable you to add special effects to videos, but few can completely change the personality of a clip like this app is able to. The clever motion effects stand out alongside the humorous and seamless themes, and the end result is an app that you will likely turn to just to explore what is on offer as much as to create new clips. It is a piece of innovation in every single way.

● **iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium**

### STOP MOTION STUDIO



The main problem with stop-motion video creation is that it is complex, but with *Stop Motion Studio* all of the noise is removed to help you get started. There are more than enough features to let you create brilliant movies and it is all displayed within an interface focusing on the subject matter.

● **iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium**  
● **Android | OS 4.1 | Freemium**

### SUN SEEKER



It is important to remember that many of the techniques required for photography also apply to capturing video and this is where *Sun Seeker* is useful. It lets you track the position of the sun using GPS and the magnetometer throughout the day, so that you can ensure you always have the perfect lighting when capturing new video clips.

● **iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99**  
● **Android | OS 2.3.3 | £5.75/\$7.49**

## VIDEOFX LIVE



Sometimes an app impresses because of the features it includes and at other times the efficiency is key, but here we have a solution which is both feature-rich and incredibly powerful. *VideoFX Live* lets you capture videos and experiment with unusual filters and effects in real-time, while making

other smaller changes to ensure that the video turns out exactly as you want it to. You can start recording and then stop the action, and start again to create a seamlessly put together video without the need to edit it afterwards. Also, you can reverse the timeline of the video capture and even record clones which, admittedly, takes a bit of getting used to.

*VideoFX Live* is incredibly powerful and overall very simple to use, which makes it one of the most impressive video capture and editing apps we have ever seen. It feels as though everything happens while you are using the app and because of this the experience is different to anything else we have seen before.

● **iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium**



Live effects and incredible speed impress in this app

“VideoFX Live is incredibly powerful and overall very simple to use”

# AMAZING AR APPS

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## AR DINOPARK

This app places lumbering dinosaurs on screen that amble, roar and 'smash'. It's got a somewhat cheap, throw-away feel about it, although the effects are still probably superior to the original *Jurassic Park* film. The Godzilla-esque atmosphere is heightened by lots of Japanese text plastered everywhere that betrays the app's origins. Plenty of other AR dinosaur apps are available too.

Ideal for a cheap thrill and amusing kids, but the in-app photos won't fool anyone.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | Free



## PLANE FINDER AR

If you have an interest in planes or are just curious to see which flight path resides over your abode then this app certainly justifies its price. Point your device skywards and information, such as the airline, flight number, route, registration, speed and altitude, will be relayed in real-time. A free version is available but information is limited to flight number and distance.

Even if you only have a slight interest in planes, this is still good for impressing friends.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0  
| £2.29/\$2.99



## FIND YOUR CAR WITH AR

However rare the occurrence may be, drivers will, at some point, forget where they've parked their car. This is why *Find Your Car with AR* can prove essential. After parking up, you just tag the location of your car through the app and then a big on-screen arrow will point you in its direction when you need to return to your vehicle.

Simple, yet highly effective, this app *could* save you the cost of an entirely new car!

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free



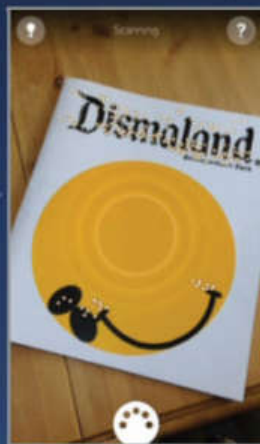
## BLIPPAR

'Blipp' objects and items by pointing your device at them and relevant information will pop up on screen and astound you... at least it would if the object or item in question is compatible with the app. The reality is that very few items around your home will register and it can be exhausting trying to find things that will. We applaud the concept though.

Can be cool to use on a day out, but for day-to-day use this often comes up short.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free  
● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free



## STAR WALK KIDS

This is AR with educational benefits. Point your device to the sky and insightful information about our solar system will be layered across the screen in a cartoon interface. It also features narration as well as real-time representations of stars and constellations.

AR is used perfectly here to see wonders beyond our planet.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0  
| £2.29/\$3.99  
● Android | OS 4.0  
| £0.76/\$0.99





# GAME OF THRONES: GET INTO THE BOOKS

## YOU'LL KNOW SOMETHING JON SNOW



It's fair to say that *Game of Thrones* is one of the biggest TV show in the world today. That's especially true in terms of size when you consider that its source material, *A Song of Ice and Fire*, spans over 5,000 pages – and that's with the last two books in the series still unfinished as of this writing. It's unsurprising then that some viewers could be a bit intimidated by the sheer volume of the books but now, new readers can take the first step towards seeing the continent of Westeros in a different light.

As the app starts up, it asks you how much you've read and watched of the books and TV show to avoid spoilers. After that it goes straight into a stylish single-page scroller, displaying key episode events chronologically. Alternatively, you can filter scenes via categories like 'Love' and 'Intrigue', though the latter seems a bit filler in all honesty. Many recognisable scenes are then displayed, and tapping one will take you to an extract headed by a brief description to jog your memory, with a quote from the episode and banners

### PROS/CONS

- ▲ Good amount of Season 1 extracts
- ▲ Excellent map
- ▼ Not a lot of content later on
- ▼ No search function

of any Houses involved. The scene's location is also flagged up on an expandable map – a nice touch as it illustrates how close (or far) each character is from the Iron Throne. For the later seasons though, content becomes sparse and we suspect this is due to the show's diversions from the books.

A book extract reflecting that scene can also be pulled up for you to read with reading time estimation displayed. The page is clearly labelled, exhibiting exactly which book and chapter the extract originated from. The extract also works a bit like *Kindle* here as you can change the size of the font.

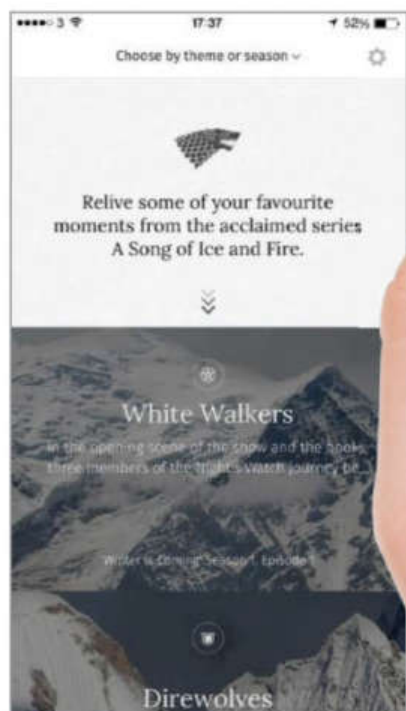
*Get into the Books* is great for fans of the show to finally get their reading into gear but it's a bit lacking in some areas. If you're serious about the lore, then nothing can replace a good sit-down with *A Song of Ice and Fire*.

**The move to reading has certainly been made less painless for TV fans, but nothing beats the books.**

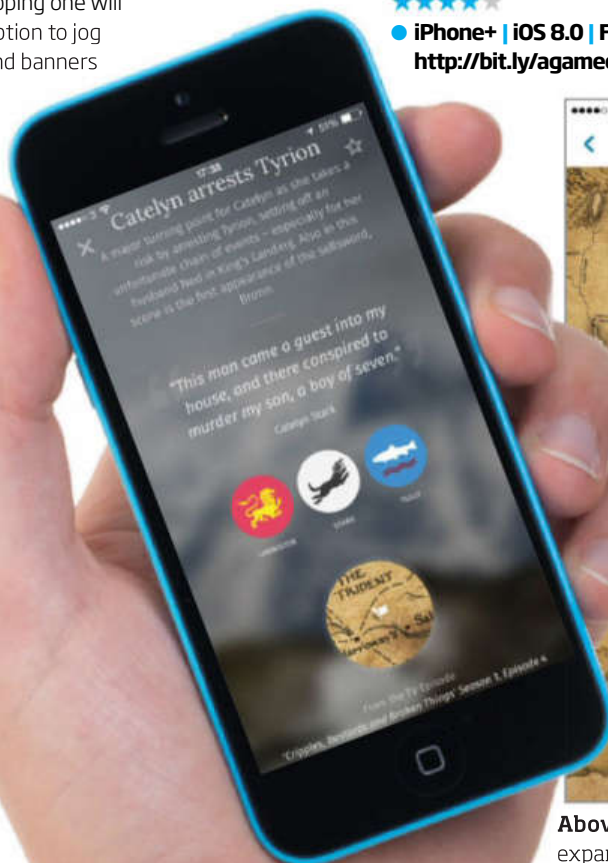
★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.0.0

<http://bit.ly/agameofthronesios>



**Above** Scenes are summarised briefly and listed in the show chronological order



**Above** Key locations are marked on an expandable map

## ALTERNATIVELY

Go deeper into other addictive TV shows with these top apps

### 01 DOCTOR WHO ENCYCLOPEDIA



Do you know your Sycorax from your Cybermen? If not, now is the time to learn about every alien race. Also searchable by episodes, characters and locations.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3  
| £3.99/\$0.99 | v1.0

### 02 DRAWING LESSONS ADVENTURE TIME VERSION



If Lumpy Space Princess is too easy for you to mindlessly doodle at work, why not learn something more complicated like the Ice King with this app?

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0  
| Free | v1.0

### 03 MARY BERRY BAKES



The Queen of baking herself divulges her most delicious baking recipes that made her a household name. Choose from a variety of bakes, from cakes and pies to loafs.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0  
| £3.99/\$4.99  
| v1.0

### 04 POKÉMON TV



A different set of episodes weekly from every single season means that you get a bit more Pokémon goodness and variety than you would on TV.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0  
| Free | 1.1.9  
● Android | OS 2.3.3  
| Free | v1.2.4

### 05 WWE

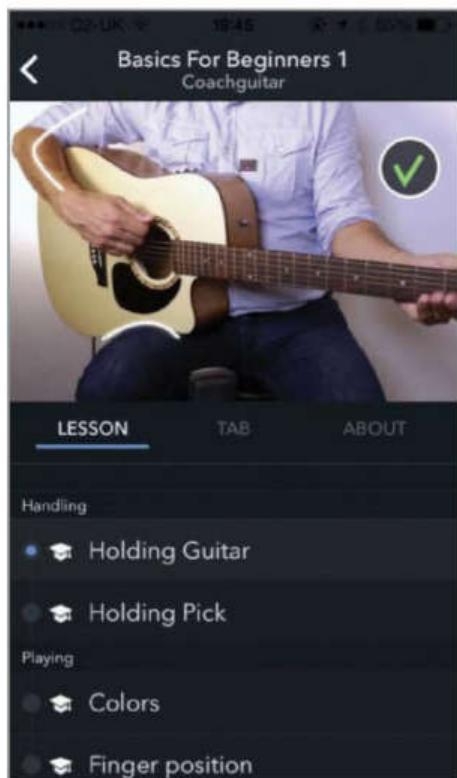


An essential for any wrestling fan, *WWE* has an extensive amount of content. Read exclusive content such as Superstar interviews and in-depth profiles.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.1  
| Freemium | v3.6.1  
● Android | Varies  
| Free | Varies

# COACHGUITAR



There is a free beginner's lesson which shows you finger positions and how to hold the guitar

## WANT TO BE A ROCK STAR? THIS MAY BE THE START

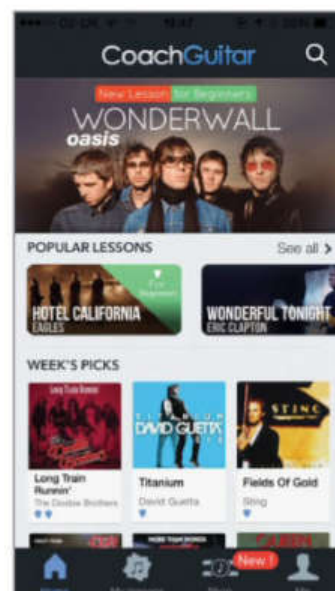


If you've ever fancied playing the guitar, you may have been put off by the apparent complexity of it.

Whether learning to read music or memorising chords, the process can be daunting. But that is where this app comes in. It dispenses theory and, by allocating a colour to each finger, it aims to visually guide you to play a host of popular songs.

At first it appears to be rather generous. You get a free Basics for Beginners lesson and a few songs ranging from The Beatles' *Let It Be* to *One* by U2. But to get the most out of the app, you must splash the cash. It's not cheap. Each course costs £2.99/\$3.99 but it gets you many professionally shot videos. They really do help you get to grips with playing the guitar by breaking songs down into verses, choruses and solos, showing you exactly how to play the overall tune. Each course also grants you a full-length backing track and a professional tablature. What's more, it is possible to choose slow motion and loops for each section.

Choosing new songs is easy thanks to a well-stocked shop and your lessons are stored



**Left** The app has lots of songs from some of the world's biggest musicians

in one accessible location. You can also earn badges as you continue to hone your skills which, together with the recognisable nature of the songs, encourages you to keep going.

**CoachGuitar could prove expensive but it's still much cheaper than having formal music lessons.**



● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Freemium | v3.5.1**

<http://bit.ly/coachguitar-ios>

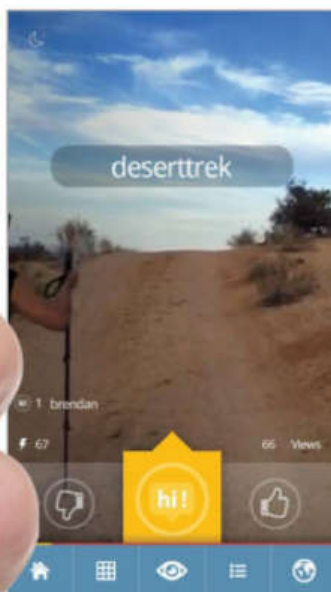
● **Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium | v1.2**

<http://bit.ly/coachguitar-android>

# MYEYE DOES THIS MEERKAT RIVAL KEEP ITS EYE ON THE BALL?



Although *Meerkat* and *Periscope* have been dominating the live video streaming space (*Periscope* now has 10 million signups), there is still room for competition. Footballer David Beckham certainly thinks so, having become



**Above** Filming requires use of the microphone and camera

the founding investor and ambassador for *MyEye*. It forms a stand-alone social network unlike *Periscope*, for example, which ties in with Twitter. It is also proving popular.

Signing up is simple and you're quickly led to the main action. To start filming, you tap the eye icon and swipe up the screen, adding a title and style. You can decide if you want everyone to see your efforts or you can form a private group. Either way, others can interact with the videos in real-time and if they miss it live, they can still catch up with your broadcast for up to 72 hours afterwards. You can keep the clip if you wish and you can also share it via other social networks.

Perhaps the most fun part of using the app is discovering what others are filming under the Discovery tab. Before a clip starts, you can see its location and you can indicate whether you like it or not using one of the two thumbs. Interestingly, there are a fair few celebrities making videos which could help make this the number-one video streamer.



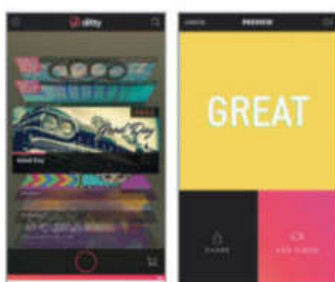
**MyEye has strong backing and it debuts well, it's an early winner in the video streaming space.**



● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v0.1.0**

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## DITTY BY ZYA

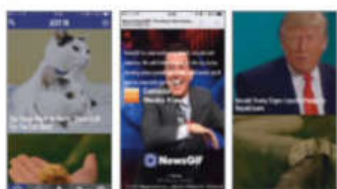


*Ditty* is designed to let you share tunes with friends and to add your own personal message so that it means more when received. The interface is quite obvious if a little clunky at times and it is fun for the first few messages, but the main problem is that it can start to feel quite flat after a short period of time unless you have many people to share your music with.

**An unusual media-sharing approach, but one which feels a little bit too flat.**

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0**  
| **Freemium | v2.0.1**  
● **Android | OS 4.3**  
| **Freemium | V1.2.1**



## NEWSGIF



We cannot deny the originality and the novel approach that *NewsGIF* uses to present the latest news in a timely and colourful manner, and the fact that it is free is an added bonus. There are many channels to explore, an abundance of users to follow for the funniest imagery and the content is cleverly displayed in sharable GIFs to offer a balance between full videos and images, but at times the imagery looks quite unprofessional. Of course we understand why this happens, but it would be nice to see some polishing work done to the visuals too.

**A novel and data-efficient way to gather news, but it needs some improvements.**

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.4.1**



## APPY GAMER – GAMES NEWS

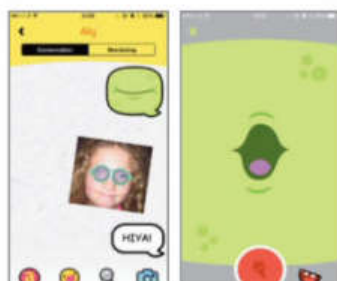


*App Gamer* doesn't concentrate on one platform or one console, but instead it aims to provide all of the gaming news you could possibly want for your preferred platform. From the Xbox One to the iPhone, every subject is covered and the timely nature of the coverage means that you will never miss out on the latest next-gen news. But it can be a little too eager to email you with updates far too often.

**A varied and complete gaming news app which is well worth checking out.**

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0**  
| **Freemium | v5.1.2**  
● **Android | Varies**  
| **Freemium | Varies**



## PLAYKIDS TALK



Children like to try out new things, but many parents have concerns over how they use online services. With

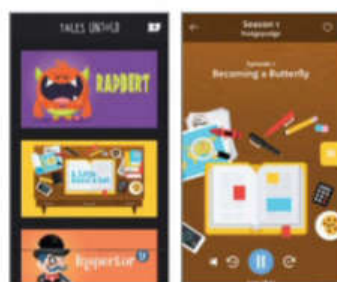
this app they get the chance to try a messaging service, but one which is wholly designed to be fun and harmless, and also one a parent can control. All contacts are managed and stickers are used alongside other artefacts to express emotions. It's extremely easy to use and offers benefits in every area of the app.



**A clever solution to the problem of grown-up services.**

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 8.0**  
| **Freemium | v1.0.2**



## TALES UNTOLD



Children love to listen to stories, especially at bedtime, and this app is designed just for that. The graphics are welcoming and the simplicity of the controls means that anyone can use it, but it is the content that makes it stand out. You can buy new stories when your child is finished and there is enough here to keep them entertained for months. This app is a great example of creating with much knowledge and care.



**A wonderful and professionally presented app.**

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 8.0**  
| **Freemium | v1.3.4**



## UNDULIB



*Undulib* is an app that is primarily designed to play audiobooks, but it is also

extremely capable at organising your collection. It can separate audiobooks and audio dramas with ease and uses an interface which is logical and simple to use throughout, and this is especially true of the playback screen which is very colourful and enticing. There is even a sleep timer that stops the app after a set time. You do need to transfer books via iTunes though, which can feel a little traditional, but in every other respect it works well.

**For true fans of the audiobook genre, this app will be perfect for listening to.**

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 8.0**  
| **£2.29/\$2.99 | v1.1**



TOP 05  
apps to...

## READ COMICS



### 01 ELECTRICOMICS

Fans of *Watchmen* and others should check out *Electricomics*, the new comic from Alan Moore. These stories are partially animated to make the most of their digital design.

★★★★★

● **iPad+ | iOS 8.1 | Free | v1.0.0**

### 02 COMICS

Don't just purchase new comics and back issues in-app, view them in the app's trademark Guided View reader. View comics panel-by-panel for a cinematic experience.

★★★★★

● **iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.7.3**  
● **Android | OS 2.2**  
| **Free | v3.7.3.37302**

### 03 MARVEL UNLIMITED

This app costs \$9.99 per month, but gives you complete access to over 13,000 Marvel comics, with more added weekly. You can also save up to comics for offline reading.

★★★★★

● **iPad+ | iOS 6.1 | Freemium | v2.6.0**  
● **Android | OS 4.0**  
| **Freemium | Varies**

### 04 AVECOMICS

Try *AveComics*, an app geared towards international markets, from Japanese manga to French and Spanish graphic novels.

★★★★★

● **iPad+ | iOS 6.0**  
| **Freemium | v3.1.2**  
● **Android | OS 2.1**  
| **Freemium | v2.3.0**

### 05 COMICS PLUS

This app is not as polished as *Comics*, but represents a large range of comics from smaller publishers you might struggle to find.

★★★★★

● **iPad+ | iOS 8.0**  
| **Freemium | v8.02**  
● **Android | Varies**  
| **Freemium | Varies**

# THE BEST APPS FOR APPLE PAY

## APPS THAT LET YOU LEAVE YOUR CASH AND CARDS AT HOME



### AIRBNB

If you've not tried the crowd-sourced alternative to hotels yet, you're really missing out: *Airbnb* (AirBed & Breakfast) enables anyone to rent out a room, flat or entire house to travellers, and the service handles everything from security to payment. If you're booking accommodation for your next trip then Apple Pay is one of the payment options available.

**Slick, straightforward and hassle-free** – just like an Apple Pay app should be.

GROUP TEST WINNER

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free



### STARBUCKS

If you're heading for your daily shot of caffeine then the *Starbucks* app with Apple Pay is just about the easiest way of paying for your coffee in the morning (it even works with Apple Watch, so all that's needed at the till is, simply, a quick scan of the wrist). Starbucks itself needs no introduction, but the chain's iOS app brings with it a loyalty scheme and store locator too. Lets you spend less time paying and more time enjoying your coffee and cake.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free



### TOPSHOP

A growing number of high street retailers are keen on joining the rest of the world in the 21st century and adding Apple Pay support, and Topshop (as well as its male counterpart Topman) is one of the most prominent additions so far. As you would expect from an official retailer app like this, you can browse through all of the current list of available products, share purchases and get discounts.

If you like Topshop and own an iPhone, this is right up your (high) street.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free



### THETRAINLINE

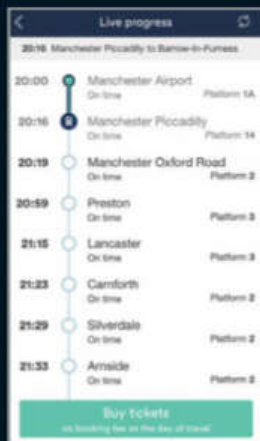
Most people know thetrainline as the place they can get big discounts on tickets in advance (and it's here that the Apple Pay support comes in handy) but there's much more to the app than this – you can find the quickest or cheapest routes between two parts of the country, see up-to-the-minute departure times, and even store your tickets.

**This is an essential app for all rail travellers and Apple Pay makes it even better.**

APPS FIVE STAR AWARD

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free



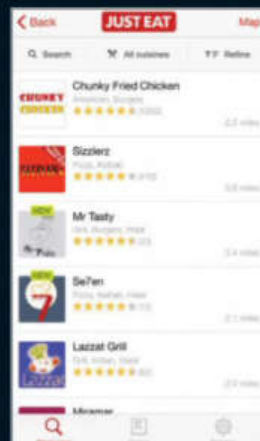
### JUST EAT

Chances are your local takeaway doesn't have its own mobile download but it may well be apart of the *Just Eat* app, which takes care of the process of ordering and sometimes even payment, everything except the actual food. Around 20,000 restaurants across the UK are supported and because Apple Pay is available as a payment option, you don't have to find the right change.

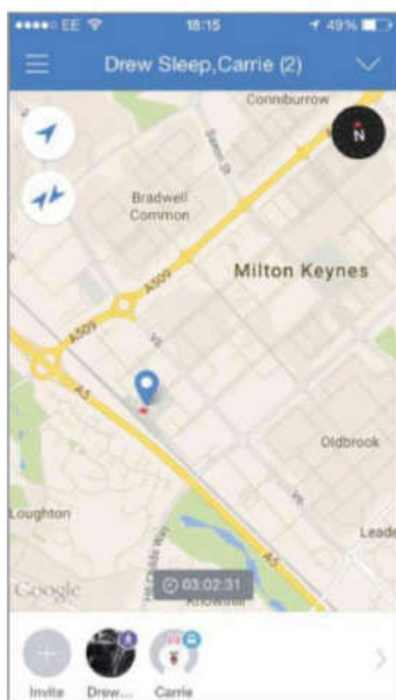
**Easy to use with a wide choice of restaurants, perfect for takeaway lovers.**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

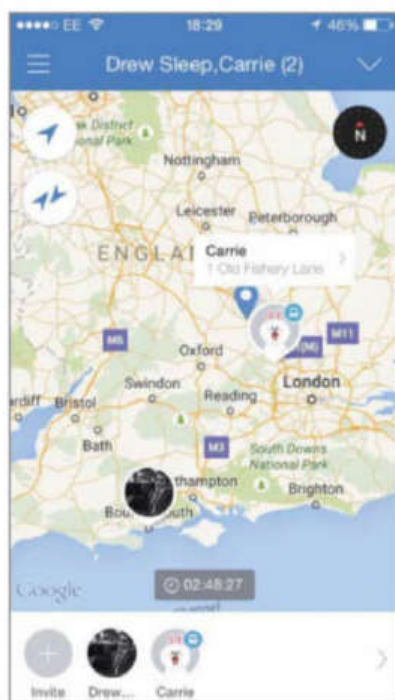
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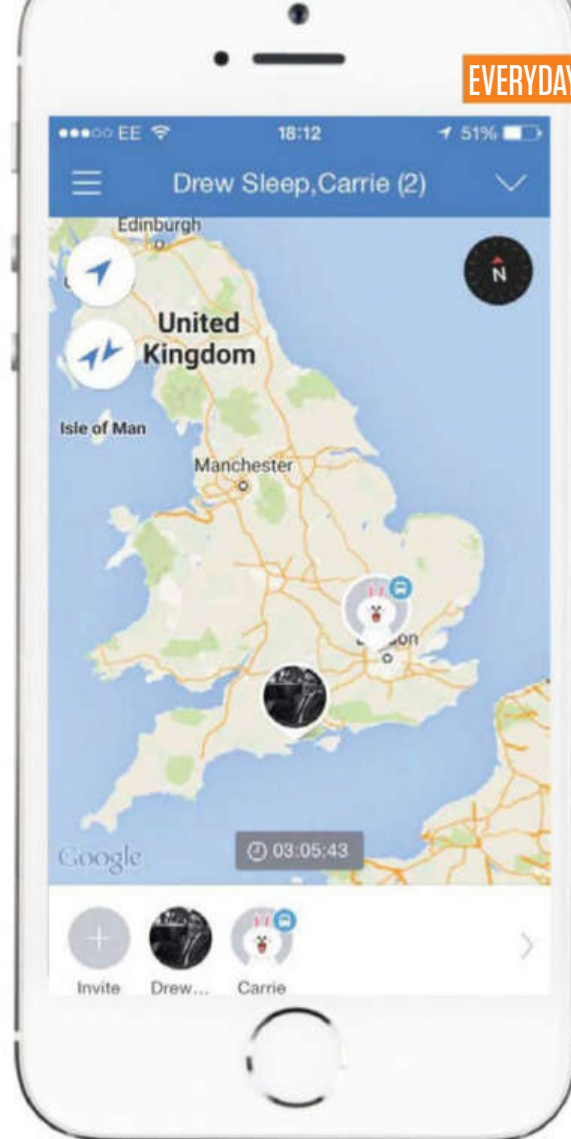




**Above** Set a marker and the app notifies you when a user reaches that location



**Above** A useful timer can be set to start and stop sharing locations



# LINE HERE

## LOCATION-SHARING IS CARING

### PROS/CONS

- ▲ Check-in notifications aren't intrusive
- ▲ Full privacy when using the rooms
- ▼ Maps aren't always accurate in real-time
- ▼ Can't see how someone has reached their destination



For anyone who has to walk home alone at night, or a parent who may be worried where their child is, the benefits of a well-made location-sharing app can work wonders.

*Line Here* hopes to conquer this area by enabling users to check and find each other through dedicated 'rooms'. You will have to sign in via a Line account or Facebook account first though. But after that, open a room up and a timer can be set for disclosing your exact location for a specific amount of time. Your location can then be shared with everyone in that room via a good range of apps, like *Facebook* and *WhatsApp* for example. Privacy isn't really a problem here as users have to be invited into the room to see locations; leave the room and your location will no longer be broadcast. You can even set *Line Here* to notify you if a room member has reached a specific place, letting you know when they've arrived at a location safe and sound.

We can easily see the benefits of using *Line Here* for families as it can keep an eye on the whereabouts of a child

- all without having to dampen their street cred by having a parent call them up. You can't see routes taken however, unless you watch journeys without blinking. We don't really see how the app would be applied socially either; it seems a convoluted way to meet with friends, as you can't chat in the app and a call or text could suffice for most scenarios.

*Line Here* also automatically enables location-sharing until you switch it off - and it's a massive battery drain. This means that the app is only really useful for short trips and not weekend getaways or festivals. Still, for anyone who worries about where a loved one is, *Line Here* provides a good solution.

**Worry no more, *Line Here* tells you when a friend or family member has reached their destination with ease.**

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.1**  
<http://bit.ly/linehereios>

● **Android | OS 4.1 | Free | v1.0.1**  
<http://bit.ly/linehereand>

## ALTERNATIVELY

Best apps for location-sharing

### 01 COMPANION



*Companion* tracks the exact journey you're taking and checks to see why you're off course, sending an alarm if you don't respond in time.

★★★★★

● **iPad+ | iOS 7.1**  
 | Free | v2.0.2  
 ● **Android | OS 4.0**  
 | Free | v2.0.15

### 02 FIND MY FRIENDS



Apple's contribution lets you switch your shared location on and off easily with a switch. You can set up written alerts to invited users too.

★★★★★

● **iPad+ | iOS 8.0**  
 | Free | v4.0.1  
 ● **Android | OS 4.0**  
 | Free | v2.0.15

### 03 PINGME!



*PingMe!* comes with multiple map modes and a variety of location information, but you will have to upgrade to be able to send messages to friends and family. At least the option's there though.

★★★★★

● **iPad+ | iOS 3.0**  
 | Freemium | v1.0

### 04 TRACKU FRIEND TRACKER



*Tracku* is a bit different to the other apps here, boasting an integrated Google Maps function for easy searching. A helpful tool for truly tracking invited users.

★★★★★

● **iPad+ | iOS 7.0**  
 | Free | v3.3

### 05 FOLLOWME



Follow up to 50 people (with permission) to make sure that they've checked in at a location safely. Also comes with optimised battery usage to prevent the dreaded drain.

★★★★★

● **iPad+ | iOS 7.0**  
 | £4.99/\$5.99  
 | v1.6.0

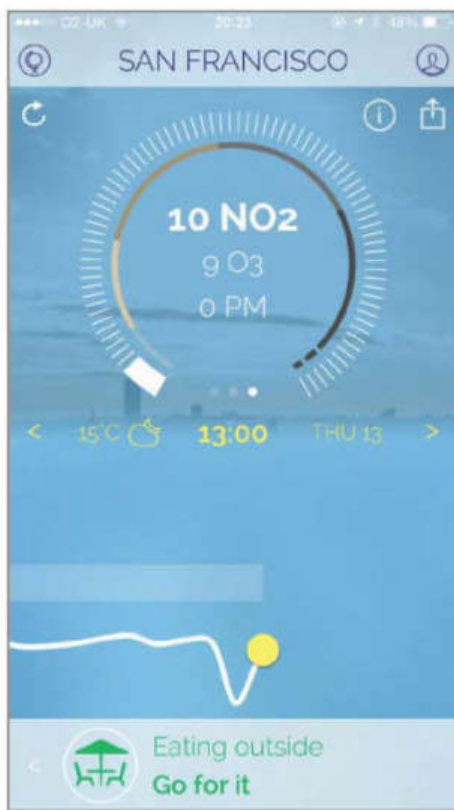
# PLUME AIR REPORT

## SAVE YOURSELF FROM SMOG WITH THIS POLLUTION APP



Going outside for a breath of fresh air isn't always wise or healthy especially if you live or work in a city. The environment can be choking with particles from traffic, combustion and even natural occurrences such as volcanic eruptions, but the level of them can depend on the wind speed and temperature. To take the guess work out of assessing when it's safe to take a deep breath, *Plume* uses real-time analysis to predict the air quality.

The app looks great. It's clean and neatly sectioned with the main information located at the top of the screen. At the bottom of the screen is a graph which builds throughout the day, showing the peaks and troughs of the air quality. You can slide your finger back through time to see what the air quality was like in the recent past. But if you want a snapshot of that current moment, look at the description: it can range from fresh air to extreme pollution.



**Above** There are 60 cities to choose from

To assess whether it's wise to leave the house or office, you can choose from one of four activities: outdoor sports, cycling, bringing the baby out and eating outside. By tapping the buttons, the app tells you if you should be cautious or simply go for it. You can also set up notifications for when the pollution peaks.



For those with breathing difficulties or concerned about pollution, *Plume* is an essential. ★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.1  
<http://bit.ly/plumeairreports>

# TOGETHERA

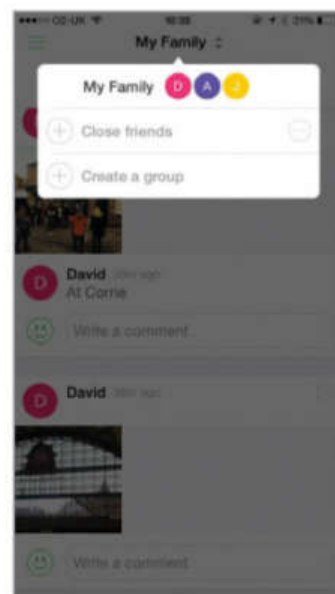
## THE SOCIAL NETWORK PERFECT FOR FAMILY USE



Social networks are great but sometimes you don't want to share things with everybody. Do you want a private group or network made up of family and selected friends within which you can share thoughts, videos and images? *Togethera* seeks to be the answer.

The app intends to be used across generations so the developer appears to have put a lot of thought into how easily it will be used by all ages, from kids to grandparents. One person sets up a private network and invites others to it by sending an SMS, email, Facebook message or link, each containing a code linking to your group. Accepting needs only a first name, email address and password. No one has to divulge any other private information.

In use, the app is like a watered-down *Facebook*. You can write posts and comments, share photos and use a limited number of emojis. Your group cannot be searched for and viewed by others and it is also, thankfully, advert-free. But there are limitations. You can't post videos that are more than 15 second long nor have more than ten photos in a



**Left** You can set up as many invite-only groups as you like



post. To get around these, you need to pay for the premium service. It is the only limitation for a service that will likely prove invaluable for keeping families in touch.

***Togethera* is a network that makes you think more about the importance of those around you.**

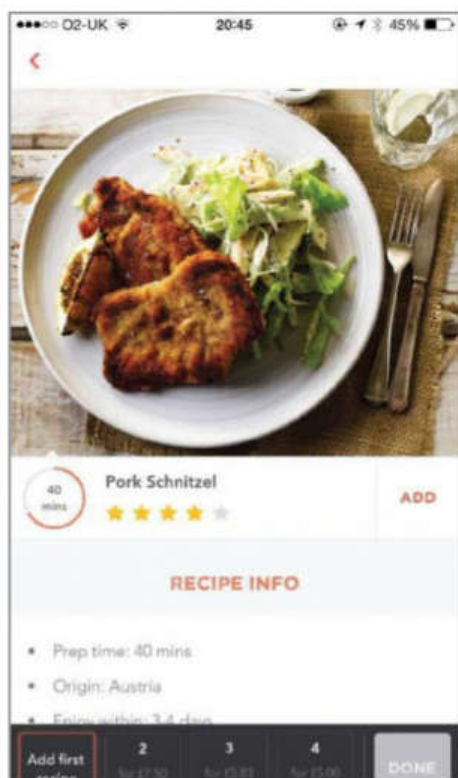


● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v2.12  
<http://bit.ly/togetheraios>  
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# GOUSTO

FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO COOK BUT HAVE NO TIME TO SHOP



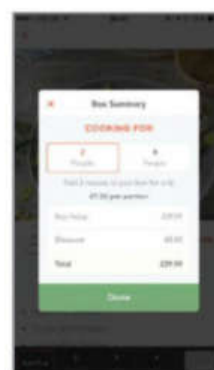
When you are feeling peckish and there is nothing left in the cupboard, you may well reach for a takeaway app. With good use of *Gousto*, you might find yourself better prepared for food since it offers a choice of ten recipes each week and also delivers the ingredients for each meal, carefully preportioned. The sting? You still have to cook it yourself.

Navigating the app is gloriously intuitive. You select a delivery date, typically for the following week, and then set about choosing the food you want. The images of each dish are beautifully and appetisingly shot, and the app also lets you know exactly how long it will take for you to cook the meal once it arrives. You can view its calorie content and note how long you can keep hold of the ingredients before it reaches its use-by date too.

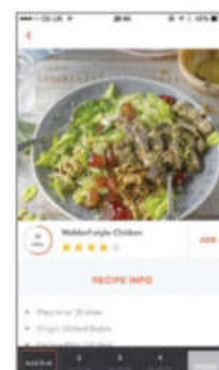
But while the app goes as far as listing each of the ingredients, it doesn't give you an

**Left** The photography makes each meal look amazing and you can also see a star review

“With good use of *Gousto*, you might find yourself better prepared for food”



**Above** The app gives a clear indication of the cooking time



**Above** The costs of the meals you order are clearly explained

indication of portion sizes or how to put the dish together. For that, you must place an order, indicating how many people you wish to cook for (the more you include, the cheaper the dish per person becomes). This is fair enough since the app is, after all, a shop front for a company specialising in high-class DIY meals-on-wheels.

***Gousto* is a nice idea backed with varied meals, handing delicious looking meals on a plate for users.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.2  
<http://bit.ly/goustoios>

# KEYFEED

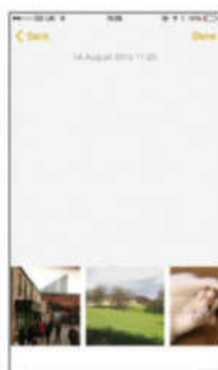
SHARE YOUR ONLINE SNAPS WITH EVEN GREATER EASE



For those addicted to posting images on *Instagram*, having to switch apps to find images that you can share away from the social network can be a pain. With *KeyFeed*, though, you can have all of those images to hand whenever you want to use the iOS keyboard. It works by adding an extra option under Keyboard in Settings that can then be activated wherever you find a keyboard. All you have to do is select the global icon on the keyboard



**Above** *KeyFeed* is selected directly from the keyboard



**Above** Various *Instagram* images can be shown

and tap *KeyFeed* and it gives you a list of all of the *Instagram* images you have stored in your account. By tapping on one of those images, you can input it instead of text.

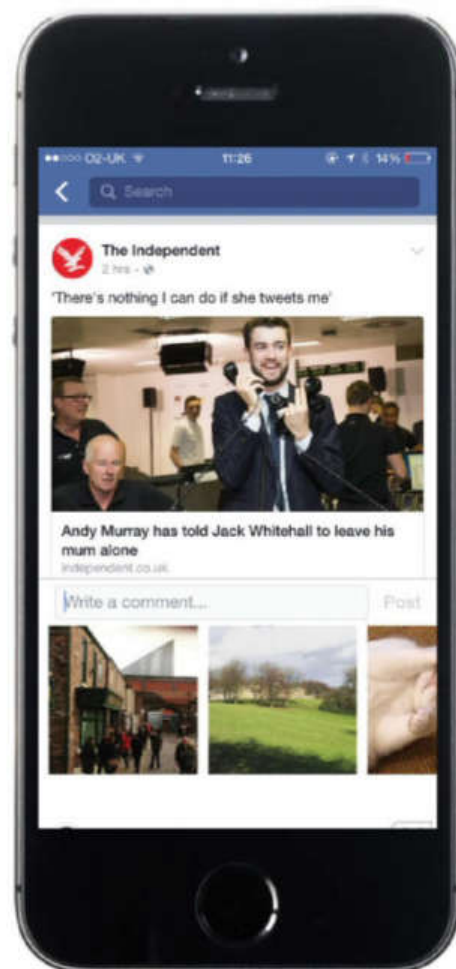
*KeyFeed* works with all manner of apps, from *Notes* to *Facebook* to *Twitter*. The actual photo does not get inserted, rather a link to *Instagram* where the image is held. The developer says that only the images people can normally see via their own *Instagram* accounts will show so you don't need to worry about other photos suddenly becoming available. If you want to add text, then you need to switch to the main keyboard again – there is a delete function but it's very slow and you can't just keep your finger down on it, meaning you have to keep tapping. That aside, if you have lots of *Instagram* images, it's well worth trying.

**Ardent *Instagram* users will find having a dedicated keyboard will save lots of time and effort.**

★★★★★

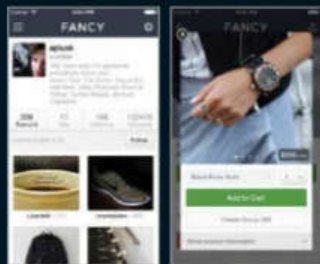
● iPhone+ | iOS 8.3 | Free | v1.0  
<http://bit.ly/keyfeedios>

**Right** The keyboard has to be manually added via Settings>Keyboards



# TOP 05 apps to...

## SHOP ONLINE



### 01 FANCY

Now offering next-day delivery on iOS, buy a unique gift in this stylish crowd-curated shopping place. Buy a group gift, send a gift card or browse the recommendations.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0  
| Free | v5.1.2  
● Android | OS 2.3.3  
| Free | v3.3.4

### 02 AMAZON APP

Buy items from Amazon.com inside of this mobile app, either by manually searching or by scanning barcodes.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0  
| Free | v5.1.0  
● Android | Varies  
| Free | Varies

### 03 ETSY

If you're looking for a one of a kind gift, Etsy is the place to shop. Etsy offers vintage items, handmade items, and even craft supplies for the artists in your life.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0  
| Free | v4.20  
● Android | OS 4.0  
| Free | v4.20

### 04 GOOGLE

Search the web by typing or saying the name of the product you want, or scan barcodes, book covers or album artwork.

★★★★★

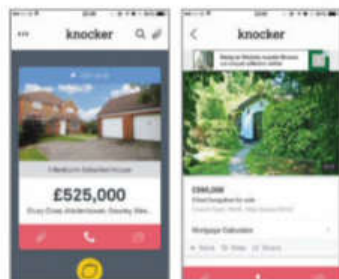
● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0  
| Free | v8.0  
● Android | Varies  
| Free | Varies

### 05 eBAY

Perhaps the easiest shopping app interface going, it's easy to quickly find items and place bids for all-out bidding wars.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0  
| Free | v4.0.0  
● Android | Varies  
| Free | Varies



## KNOCKER



Knocker looks like many other property apps when you first try it, but you will soon find that there are a lot of useful features included. The views of each property are complete and offer an accurate representation of what they are like, and you can also filter the results based on personal criteria to speed up the search. With full sharing capabilities and the ability to save properties you are interested in, there is no reason not to try this clever solution.

**A complete solution for finding a new house and for scouting out a new area.**

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.1.2



## RIZON



The gold hour is a time when photographers are likely to get the best landscape shots, but for most people it usually requires being in the right place at the right time based purely on luck. With this app, however, you can choose locations and days, and then let the app do all of the hard work for you – and that's regardless of your location in the world. It has a serious and very professional design, but is still easy to use and has the potential to be of benefit to those who take lots of time with their photography and want to plan in advance.

**A brilliant idea which has been well built. Useful for serious photographers.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0  
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v2.8



## MOODNOTES



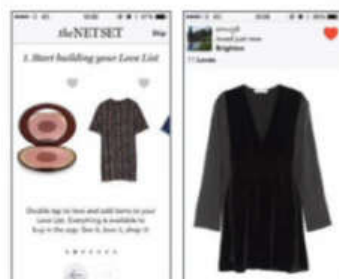
Moodnotes has the potential to completely change the way you think and can enable you to have a more positive outlook on life. You have to make entries quite regularly, which explain your current mood and also the events that had happened to create those feelings. The simple design of showing a date, a description and a mood icon really does work here because it increases your self-awareness and should help you to avoid negative thinking without good reason. It is a truly brilliant app.

**Understand what changes**

**your mood daily by keeping a simple and effective diary.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0  
| £2.99/\$3.99 | v1.0



## THE NET SET

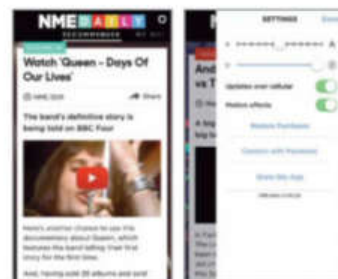


There is no doubt that *The Net Set* is a beautifully designed app which fits well with the fashion genre in which it is supposed to work. The colours, quality of the images and everything else are immediately alluring, but for most people it may not offer enough for them to be of interest over long periods. If, however, you are a fan of famous designers and like to know what the celebrities of the moment are wearing, this will likely offer you some much-needed inspiration.

**A beautifully designed app aimed squarely at those who love celebrity fashion.**

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.1 | Free | v2.4



## NME DAILY

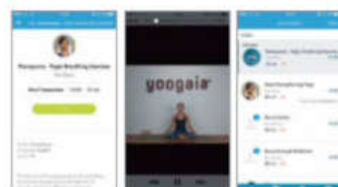


NME Daily is designed to help you to discover new media and the way it is presented works very well. The media is hand-picked which helps a lot because you can be sure that only content worth looking at is available, and in our tests we were actually very surprised by what we discovered. For some the design could be a little more professional, but if the main focus is to help people discover new things then it works exactly as it should do.

**A great way to discover new TV shows, films and music in a simply designed app.**

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0  
| Freemium | v3.2



## YOOGAIA



Yoga is not easy to learn using traditional methods because it is almost impossible to describe in words alone and this is why *Yoogaia* is so useful. It presents a variety of videos which can be streamed over Wi-Fi or viewed as downloaded files. The content is professional and superbly explained, and the range is much more that you could reasonably expect from a single app. You can even get personalised instructions if you choose to turn your camera on whilst you exercise. If you are looking to learn yoga and need some help, this is an excellent place for you to start.

**A brilliant way to learn yoga and increase expertise.**

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.3



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**10** Knowyourapps scored **10** for  
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**8** Knowyourapps scored **8** for  
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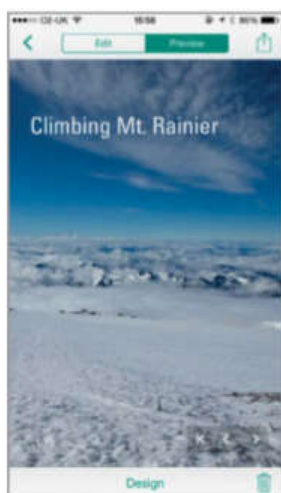
**6** Knowyourapps scored **6** for  
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**3** Knowyourapps scored **3** for  
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**PROS/CONS**

- ▲ You can quickly make a presentation in mere minutes
- ▲ The results are very professional and allow for interaction
- ▼ The feature-set available is rather basic at present
- ▼ Presentations can look very similar to each other

**Left** All of your Sways are stored within the app where they can be previewed or edited



There are times when you are in a rush and flying by the seat of your pants. Maybe you are on a train and you know that you will have to give a cool presentation when you get to your destination and yet you have nothing prepared. With *Office Sway* in your pocket, you should be able to knock up a presentation or report in next to no time, it works very well.

Although the resulting Sways have a certain look to them, that is no bad thing when the quality is as good as this. The idea is that you combine various images and text to form a coherent story. The presentations can have headings and subheadings as well as full-on explanations complete with bullet or numerical points, URL embedding and highlights. There is vertical and horizontal navigation and different font and background styles. Interactive elements can also be added and, while three of them (comparison, slideshow and grid) are unavailable at the moment, one of the two that are – Stack – shows the possibilities.

Stack lets you group photos together. You can use images from your Camera Roll or take pics in the app. In the presentation, they will appear as if they are stacked on top of each other and simple taps enables viewing. Immediately, it lends the story a professional edge. But there is certainly room for improvement. The app could do with more in-depth features such as transitions, especially if it wants to go head-to-head with Keynote or PowerPoint.

It would be nice to have a landscape option but there is more than enough to keep users satisfied. The presentations can be previewed and edited at any time and they can also be shared via a special generated link. You can also make the results generally available, which is good for promoting one-off events or ideas to the masses.

**Microsoft still has a lot of work to do to make *Office Sway* an essential but right now it's still a great time-saving work app.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.5.1  
<http://bit.ly/officeswayios>

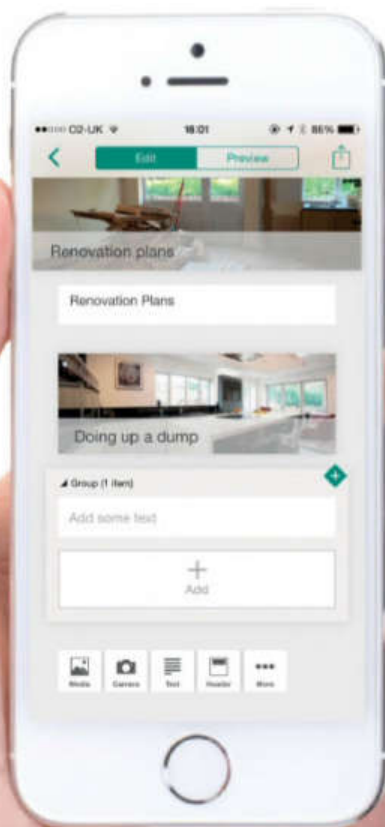


**Left** A Sway generally starts with a bold image that goes alongside an explanatory headline

“With Office Sway, you should be able to knock up a presentation or report in next to no time”

# OFFICE SWAY

## WILL MICROSOFT SWAY WORKERS FROM KEYNOTE?



**Above** There are two different ways to navigate a Sway and some different styles to choose from

## HOW TO...

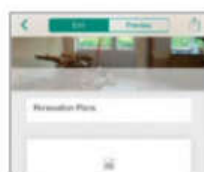
Making your first steps to a stunning presentation



**01 Add an image**  
 You can add any image from your Camera Roll but you will have to allow the app access.



**02 Add content**  
 Once an image is placed, add a text heading. There are bullet points available.



**03 Create headings**  
 You can carry on building up your presentation with extra text and images.



**04 Using cards**  
 It's worth trying out Stack while you wait for cards to become available in the future.



**05 Finish up**  
 Tap Design to add different backgrounds, preview the result and play with Stack.



# LRN

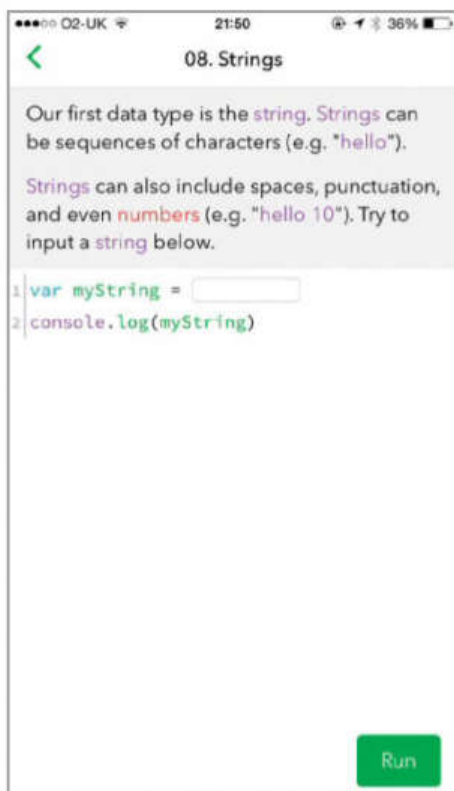
## GET MORE OUT OF COMPUTING BY LEARNING TO PROGRAM



Learning code is not easy and there is no getting around the fact that mastering programming requires lots of time, hard graft and experimentation. But as coding continues to be seen as vital for the future prosperity of nations, keeping up to speed feels important which is why there are many initiatives out there to lend a helping hand. *Lrn* is the latest app solution for just that.

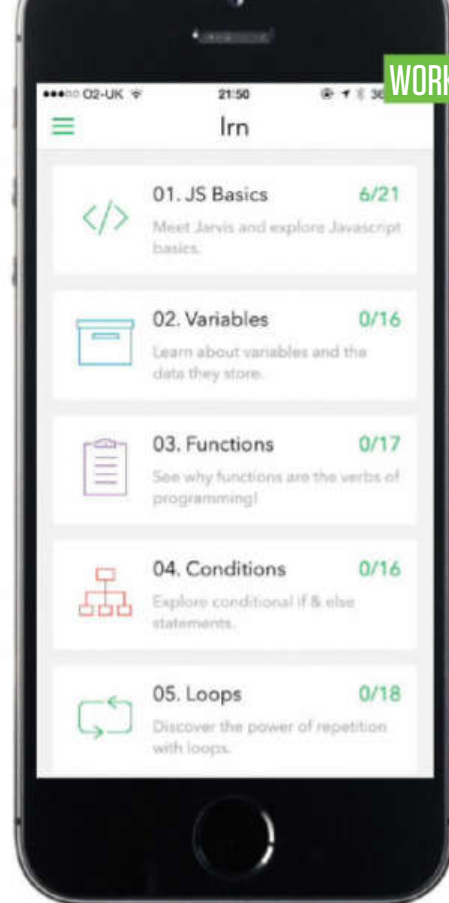
It's functional and off-putting at first, throwing you straight in with a long menu that takes you from the basics - introducing JavaScript, syntax, keywords and more - but it gets you learning about functions, conditions, loops, arrays and options. You soon realise that *Lrn* is more guiding and gentle than it first appears. So if the concepts sound alien to you now, they won't be after a bit of tinkering since the app builds up your knowledge at a nice pace and then asks some recap questions at the end to ensure you get it.

The first lesson is free and doesn't take too long to complete. To continue you need to pay



**Above** The explanations of the concepts are short and snappy while being friendly.

£2.29/\$2.99 for all lessons. The grounding it gives in the principles of coding will set you up well, and it should encourage you to explore further without feeling overwhelmed. Given the emphasis on under-the-hood computing, it is well worth the investment.



**Learning to program through mini-quizzes takes the sting and boredom out of coding.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v1.0.1  
<http://bit.ly/lmcodeios>

# NUMEROUS

## STAY ON TOP OF BUSINESS WITH A SINGLE GLANCE



It is fair to say that life can feel surrounded by numbers, from share prices to interest and exchange rates. *Numerous* aims to allow you to follow your most important numbers and keep them in one place. It may sound weird but it can have its uses.

The idea is that you select to follow various channels that have numerical data at their core. So, for example, you could choose to add a channel called Piggy Bank which lets you create allowances for children and see how much balance is left. This data is presented on the app's home page within an at-a-glance box and the more channels you subsequently add, the more data you can keep an eye on.

There are 29 channels in total with links to the likes of Google Analytics, Google Sheets, Salesforce and NEST. *Numerous* explains exactly what you will expect to see from each channel and adding them is as easy as tapping + and looking through the tabs labelled Business, Lifestyle, Fitness, Social and Connectors.

It does concern us that the app asks you to sign in but has no option available for a simple email and password, though. Instead, you have to use social media which makes us feel wary. Some



**Left** Each channel is explained so that you will know what to expect from it

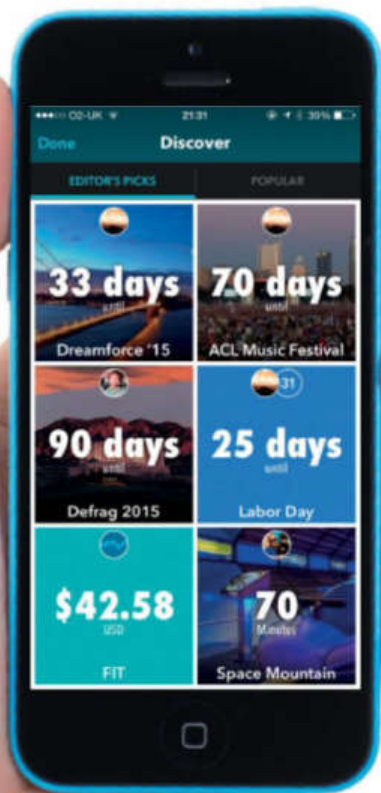
of the channels also inevitably require logins, such as Facebook Pages, although others like Celestial Events do not.



**Great for staying on top of numerical information but sign-in options need widening.**

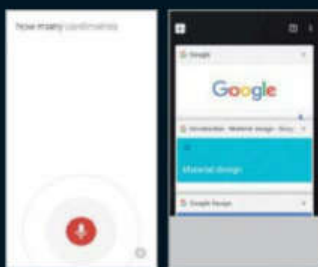
★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v3.0  
<http://bit.ly/numerousios>  
● Android | iOS 4.1 | Free | v1.0.3  
<http://bit.ly/numerousand>



# TOP 05 apps to...

## BROWSE THE WEB



### 01 CHROME

Chrome lets you sync your phone and your desktop, so that your tabs, bookmarks and browsing history are transferable.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0  
| Free | v45.0.2454.68  
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

### 02 OPERA COAST

Apart from being one of the best-looking browsers out there, Coast offers smooth browsing and a visually-engaging search engine.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0  
| Free | v4.40

### 03 PUFFIN

Puffin benchmarks faster than any other browser and reduces web traffic, saving bandwidth.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0  
| Free | v4.5.0  
● Android | OS 2.3  
| Free | v4.3.0.1852

### 04 DOLPHIN

Make the most of your touchscreen by setting custom gestures for your favourite sites, so you only need to swipe to access them rather than type out the full web address.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0  
| Free | v9.1.0  
● Android | Varies | Free | Varies

### 05 HOLA PRIVACY VPN

Disguise your location to access content, such as Netflix shows, as if you're in a different country. Hola will also protect your privacy and ensure your online activity isn't tracked.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0  
| Freemium | v1.5  
● Android | OS 4.0.3  
| Freemium | Varies



## MOLESKINE JOURNAL



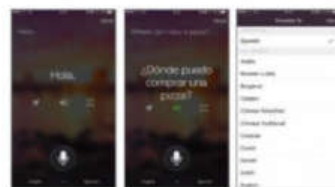
The Moleskine name is revered in the world of traditional creation and here

we have an app that attempts to re-create that paper experience on a phone or tablet. The features are complete and the design is brilliant, but time and time again we found that there were some problems that stopped us doing what we wanted to. It has huge potential, but needs a selection of major fixes.

**A great idea, but the execution is sorely lacking and at times frustrating.**

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0  
| Freemium | v2.1  
● Android | OS 4.0  
| Freemium | v1.1.1



## MICROSOFT TRANSLATOR



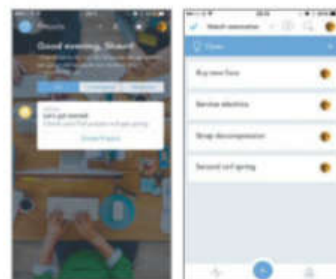
Microsoft doesn't always make simple software that is easy to use, but with

Microsoft Translator we have a shining example of what can be done when it's made well. You can speak into the app and it will present the translation in any language you choose, both audibly and through text on the screen. It is a perfect tool for speaking to people when you're abroad. You should absolutely have this app installed for a rainy day.

**A simple, accurate and free translation experience.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.3.0  
● Android | OS 4.3  
| Free | v1.0.1.014



## MEISTERTASK



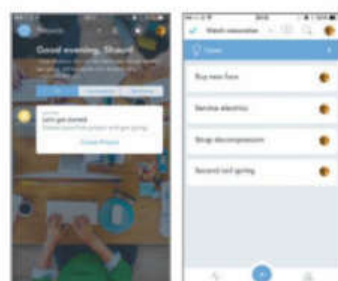
MeisterTask is not a full app in itself, but rather a companion to a popular task

management service and for this alone it does what it needs to. It will take much of the content from the online service and can be used stand-alone thanks to the simplistic and clean interface, but we found that when used in parallel with others it really does shine. With a short learning curve and simplicity present throughout you could soon be more organised than ever before.

**A useful companion to a very intuitive task management service. It works well.**

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.3



## NIICE



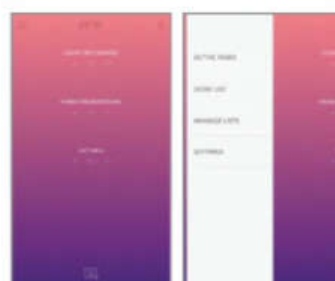
Niice is designed to do one thing which is to show you images that could inspire

you to complete or even start new projects. Once you find some images, which are sourced from top design blogs and galleries, you can then save them and organise them how you like for even more focused design consideration. It really does work very well, if a little slowly at times, and should provide you with exactly what you need to get your latest project off the ground quickly.

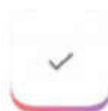
**A superb solution for those who need visually creative ideas for their projects.**

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.1 | Free | v1.1



## PRIO



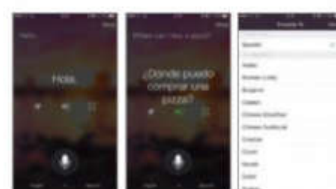
Prio is not designed to help you manage complex projects and multiple tasks in lots

of different categories, but it is there to keep you organised when you most need it. The friendliness of the interface means that the tasks stand out at all times and the simple gestures required to use it add a sense of human to the way it works, but ultimately it is quite similar to some other solutions. If your needs are generally basic, it will fulfil a useful purpose.

**A decent task management solution for those who have relatively simple needs.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0  
| £0.79/\$0.99 | v1.4



## MICROSOFT OUTLOOK



Outlook has historically been very difficult to set up on a mobile device,

but with this app all of those convoluted ways of getting your mail to work are now a thing of the past. You can get access to your mail, calendar, contacts and everything else that you may possibly need, all within a logically designed interface. Outlook feels right at home on the small screen, and it's actually hard for us to imagine how this solution could be improved at all.

**All of a sudden Outlook works without hassle.**

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.3.8  
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v1.3.8



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# BEST ZOMBIE GAMES

## BLAST THE UNDEAD BACK TO HELL THIS HALLOWEEN

### ZOMBIE HQ



Providing full-throttle fun and gore, *Zombie HQ* takes on the classic *Robotron* format of spraying bullets in every direction to flomp the, surprisingly agile, zombie masses. The action unfolds across 18 frantic levels and there is plenty of scope to upgrade your weapons to provide a formidable arsenal with which to cover your back while you sniff out survivors. Best suited to larger screens, this insane shooter is sure to get your heart racing.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium  
● Android | OS 2.3.3 | Freemium



### DEAD TRIGGER 2



There's plenty to lap up here, first-person action, bite-sized missions, massive cache of weapons... so why did it leave us slightly unfulfilled? Ah yes, because amongst the touchscreen controls there isn't a 'fire' button. As such you just aim at the zombies and the firing is automated, which is disappointing because you only ever feel as though you're watching someone else pop those decaying heads. It looks awesome, but the control system makes you feel more of a passenger.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium



### STUPID ZOMBIES



This is like *Angry Birds* if all the pigs you toppled clawed their way back from the grave to stand, as before, completely motionless within the binds of various structures, all whilst offering no threat to your safety whatsoever. The aim of the game is to eradicate all of the zombies on the screen by making use of calculated ricochets and other assorted explosive items to pass the level with as few bullets as possible. It is the simplicity that makes this game so compelling. Just watch the devastation unfold.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free  
● Android | OS 2.3 | Free



### ZOMBIE HIGHWAY



This game provides something a little bit different. Okay, so you can still shoot zombies in it, but you have to do so while tilting your device to steer a fast-moving car that the zombies are clinging onto. You can also clip other vehicles to scrap the rotting hitchhikers off. The distance you can keep cruising before being brought to a halt by the hell-spawn and they flip your vehicle will determine your eventual score. What's not to like? It manages to mash up driving and shooting brilliantly.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.1 | Freemium  
● Android | OS 2.3 | Freemium



### WALKING DEAD: THE GAME



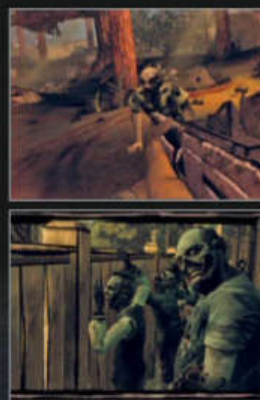
A masterstroke in suspense that provides plenty of genuine body jolts, *Walking Dead* is a cell-shaded point-and-click adventure featuring a cast of shady characters thrown together with a common interest in survival. The choices you make ultimately determine who lives and who gets their guts served up as a lukewarm zombie buffet.



Brilliantly paced and full of unexpected twists.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 4.3 | Freemium  
● Android | Varies | Freemium





## PROS/CONS

- ▲ *Angry Birds* looks better than ever
- ▲ The gameplay is more intricate and challenging
- ▼ Feeling the need to pay to proceed will always rankle
- ▼ The game has unfair random elements that can hamper progression

## THIS FREEMIUM GAME MAY WELL RUFFLE A FEW FEATHERS

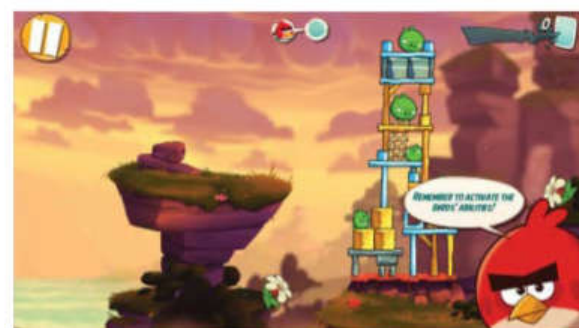
## ANGRY BIRDS 2



Given the sheer number of *Angry Birds* games already available, it may be astonishing that we're only now seeing an *Angry Birds 2*. The game is instantly familiar and yet one which wants to extract cash from you whenever it can. But people don't seem to be put off by this.

The game certainly starts well. There is a fleeting tutorial (surely everybody gets it by now) but you are soon mesmerised by the frenetic goings-on on screen. All of the old favourites are present with the addition of a dive-bombing bird called Silver and this time out you can tap on a card in the bottom-left corner to choose which of the available birds you want as ammunition rather than have them selected for you.

The piggy constructions are animatedly built before your eyes and they are also random (which can cause issues if



you're faced by some impenetrable materials). Hit them right and they are energetically brought down. At the same time, you are able to see the fear in a porky's eyes, played out in the top-left corner. It's all gloriously mad-cap cartoon-like in nature but tapping fast forward gets you to the next bit if this becomes too tiresome for you. The same joy of smashing things to piece remains, though, making for a solid game all round with better physics than ever before.

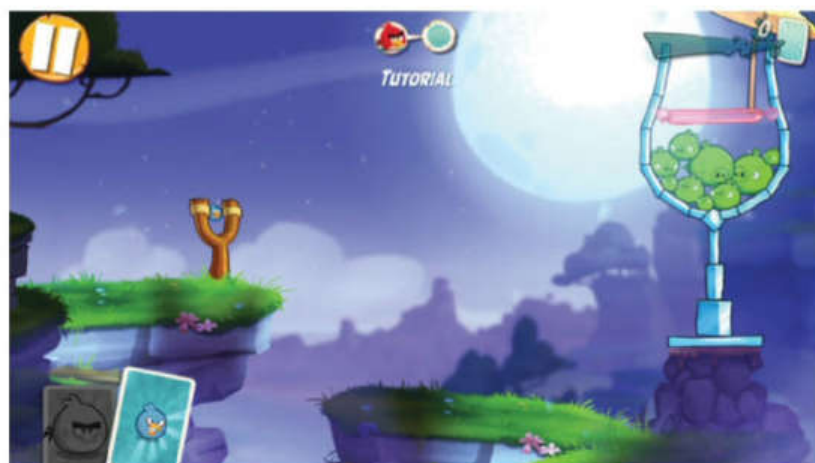
Yet there are sections of the game as you progress that are hard to complete, unless you chuck money into it. Thankfully there are adverts than can be watched too which mean you don't always have to get your purse out but it's enough to make for some Angry Players.

**Angry Birds** has been given a successful revamp, but the continued emphasis on freemium gaming grows tiresome.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v2.0.1  
<http://bit.ly/angrybirds2ios>

● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium | v2.0.1  
<http://bit.ly/angrybirds2and>



## ALTERNATIVELY

Explore the back-catalogue and try these avian adventures

## 01 ANGRY BIRDS SEASONS



This was the follow-up to the 2009 *Angry Birds* debut with a number of special editions like Halloween.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0  
 £0.79/\$0.99  
 v5.2.5  
 ● Android | OS 2.3  
 Freemium | v5.2.5

## 02 ANGRY BIRDS STAR WARS



Created as a tie-in to a little-known movie franchise, it featured a host of much-loved interstellar characters.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3  
 £0.79/\$0.99  
 v1.5.3  
 ● Android | OS 2.3  
 Freemium | v1.8.1

## 03 ANGRY BIRDS GO!



*Angry Birds* drove in a new direction with this excellent kart racing game that allowed for some super fun solo and multiplayer challenges.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0  
 Freemium | v1.8.4  
 ● Android | OS 2.3.3  
 Freemium | v1.8.7

## 04 ANGRY BIRDS EPIC RPG



This game strays from the pack as a role-playing app with turn-based combat.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0  
 Freemium  
 v1.2.10  
 ● Android | OS 2.3.3  
 Freemium  
 v1.2.10

## 05 ANGRY BIRDS TRANSFORMERS



*Angry Birds* in disguise? Or is it just a cool shoot-em-up with Decepticon-like birds?

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0  
 Freemium  
 v1.6.23  
 ● Android | OS 4.0  
 Freemium  
 v1.6.24

# TO-FU FURY

## THIS VEGGIE-INSPIRED PUZZLE GAME OFFERS A MEATY CHALLENGE



Amazon is making great strides in many areas. It recently snapped up *Top Gear* for its Amazon Prime TV service and, with the new release *To-Fu Fury*, it is continuing to put itself in pole position as a gaming studio. This download is a great example of the company's inventiveness, not least because it involves you playing a square of malleable tofu which you can walk, fling and send flying towards blobs of collectable Chi before reaching the end of the level in one delicious piece.

The first set of levels have some hand-holding but pitched

just right so that you get the basic gist without feeling that you're tapping past one instruction after another. This throws you straight into the action, letting you consider the many obstacles on each small level while working out how to maximise the number of Chi you can grab. With spikes, platforms that move and bouncy plates, this is no easy feat and further along there are some ninjas to contend with as well.

The puzzles are well crafted and the presentation lavish with gorgeous visuals and soothing music. The action appears 2D but the camera pulls back to a nice rendered 3D perspective when needed. It also controls well, even if your fingers do get in the way of the action when playing on an iPhone at times.

**To-Fu Fury** is wonderfully addictive and well polished.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0  
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.0  
<http://bit.ly/tofufuryios>

**Left** The tofu stretches when you pull on it, sending out a directional beam for landing

# RACE THE SUN

## WHEN YOU WISH TO REACH A STAR – BEFORE IT SETS



For a game called *Race the Sun*, you would expect something bright and colourful rather than a game that is predominantly grey in feel. But that's no criticism. Just like *Canabalt*, the monochrome graphics – albeit punctuated with various splashes of colour – lend the game

elegance. They also become a fundamental part of the gaming mechanic.

*Race the Sun* is an endless runner, a game in which you dodge whatever looms at you from over the horizon as you speed along in a solar-powered ship. The numerous constructions which you encounter would arguably be far

**“The monochrome graphics – albeit punctuated with various splashes of colour – lend the game elegance”**



**Above** Even though it mainly lacks colour, the little flourishes it has are jaw-droppingly cool



**Above** Collect neon power-ups to accelerate

more difficult to see and avoid were they in full colour but the point is that by staying in the shadows too long, you will come to a halt, having lost your power.

On each level, the aim is to try and achieve the highest possible score. But there are also objectives required to unlock the next level. Each of these lend the game variety and additional challenges, while also giving you satisfactory bonuses that help ease you to achieving the highest possible score. The controls only let you move left, right or straight on but that's all you need since anything more complicated would spoil the fun. For this is one of those pick-up-and-play games that you are likely to go back to time and time again.

**Packed with abstract, yet minimalist landscapes, this game is a work of art as much as it great fun.**

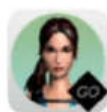
★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.0.1  
<http://bit.ly/racethesunios>



# LARA CROFT GO

## THE TOMB RAIDER STAR IS GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION IN THIS MOBILE REIMAGINING



Lara Croft is an icon of videogames; the digital it-girl who helped ease gaming into the mainstream with a starring role in one of the most well-known titles of all time: *Tomb Raider*. She's rather handy with a pair of pistols and she's able to leap around athletically, but while both of these attributes are present in this new game, the action takes a back seat in favour of some very clever, well-thought out puzzles.

This turn-based game is a delight, even if it does replace one of the fundamentals of *Tomb Raider* – its great

freedom of movement – with a rigid path. For *Go* is all about figuring how to get from A to B one step at a time while pulling levers and stepping on pressure plates to activate various parts of the scenery, trying to dodge spiders, lizards and snakes, and avoiding being cut into tiny, bloody pieces by lots of buzzsaws.

Navigation is made easy with the controls being a series of swipes and taps that take mere seconds to master. It is also gorgeously stylish. You'll relish spending time scaling walls and figuring the consequences of your actions. Sure, some of the puzzles can be quickly solved while others may require dollops of trial and error, but when they are this slick though, it's hard to complain.



It's frustratingly short and leaves you begging for more, but it is a most perfect turn-based puzzle game.



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0  
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.0.47768  
<http://bit.ly/laracroftgoios>  
● Android | OS 4.1  
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.0.49572  
<http://bit.ly/laracroftgoand>

# POKÉMON SHUFFLE

## GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL?



It feels a little odd to be playing a game that is so strongly linked to Nintendo on a smartphone but it shows just how important iOS and Android devices now are for gaming. How disappointing, then, that *Pokémon Shuffle*

*Mobile* feels largely inferior to the host of other puzzle games littering the app stores both in its presentation and lack of originality.

At its heart, this is a match-three puzzler with Pokémon faces and it is a boring one at that. Although you are able to position a face on any spot on the board – the lack of any time limit (except in Expert) makes it feel rather too laid back. Completing puzzles in a set number of moves lends some depth but it never feels satisfying enough.

It's not all bad. The presentation is slick and the graphics more than adequate for what the game is trying to achieve. There is too much emphasis at the start with tapping laboriously through the speech bubble explanations but this eases when it feels you've got the hang of things. We do like the fact that, as a freemium game, it doesn't bombard with monetary requests. However the little things, like losing a life when starting a level, do rankle.

If you're after a fun match-three game then there are plenty of better and more challenging alternatives around.



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v1.0.3  
<http://bit.ly/pokemonshuffleios>  
● Android | OS 4.1 | Freemium | v1.0.0  
<http://bit.ly/pokemonshuffleand>



Above Match enough faces to defeat our orange chum



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apps to...

## PLAY FOR HOURS



### 01 THE WOLF AMONG US

Perfect for Halloween, fairy tales meet neo-noir in this detective game in which your actions change the story.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0  
| Freemium | v1.2  
● Android | OS 2.3.3  
| Freemium | Varies

### 02 FINAL FANTASY V

Save the world from destruction in this classic console RPG now on mobile.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0  
| £11.99/\$15.99 | v1.1.2  
● Android | OS 4.0  
| £10.99/\$15.99 | v1.2.0

### 03 LIMBO

Explore the underworld in this thrilling, black-and-white platformer - but watch out for the spiders!

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0  
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.1.3  
● Android | OS 4.3  
| £3.49/\$4.99 | v1.9

### 04 LEGO THE LORD OF THE RINGS

The epic movie trilogy is recreated in brick form with riddles to solve and gallant quests to go on.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0  
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.0

### 05 ASSASSIN'S CREED PIRATES

Sail the Caribbean seas in search of lost treasure, swashbuckling your way through over 50 side missions.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0  
| Freemium | v2.3.2  
● Android | OS 4.0  
| Freemium | v2.3.2



## PRUNE



Describing *Prune* is not easy because it is completely unique in the mobile app world.

It sort of is a game, but it also feels like a creation project or maybe even an art piece, but whatever it is there is a lot of fun to be had. You have to grow a plant and avoid natural dangers, and the end result is different every single time. If you think of it as an 'experience' and are prepared to appreciate the work that has gone into it, you will love it every time.



A digital plant in your pocket? Yes, that really is it.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0  
| £2.99/\$3.99 | v1.0.21



## DOMINO DROP



Matching tile games are very common and so are games that style themselves

on *Tetris*, but here we have one that manages to bring both genres together in one thrilling experience. The animations and graphics are incredibly polished and personified, but rest assured that once you start playing this game it will be very hard to stop. It's addictive in a non-frustrating way and has every area covered just right. Please try it now!



Tetris meets dominoes in this sweet experience.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0  
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.0.1



## CUBE JUMP



*Cube Jump* looks fantastic and is easy to pick up and play, but it will either

become incredibly absorbing or far too annoying to bother with - depending on what type of person you are. You have to jump from cube to cube which requires quick thinking and some strategy to stay alive, but at times the adverts are too frequent and the gameplay seems to get stuck.

A pleasing platform-style game, but it could benefit from some improvements.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0  
| Freemium | v1.0.1  
● Android | OS 4.0.3  
| Freemium | v1.0



## SHUFFLE ISLANDS



The premise of *Shuffle Islands* will feel very familiar because it borrows

heavily from many classic genres and the graphics do make it feel inviting immediately. You have to move the characters to specific points using strategy and deep thinking which is great, but we found that after a few plays it did start to feel somewhat repetitive. It needs more variety.

A familiar game which looks very cute, but it can get tiresome over time.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.1  
| Freemium | v1.01  
● Android | OS 4.1  
| Freemium | v1.04



## PUNCH QUEST



Retro-looking games tend to attempt to mimic the experience of historic gaming, but

few manage to actually re-create the experience as perfectly as *Punch Quest* has. The gameplay feels simple at first and the graphics and sounds are almost annoying, but this is how it all should be. *Punch Quest* simply involves running, jumping and punching. It really is fantastic fun to experience.

A true retro gaming experience which benefits from deliberately made flaws.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.3  
| Freemium | v1.4.4



## BATTLE GOLF



*Battle Golf* does not offer you a huge set of rules when you first start playing it, but

over time it does start to become very addictive. You can hit the golf ball into the hole, but you should also aim for your opponent's head and do many other things to win. It's retro in a visual sense, easy to pick up and one of the best games we have seen for a long time.

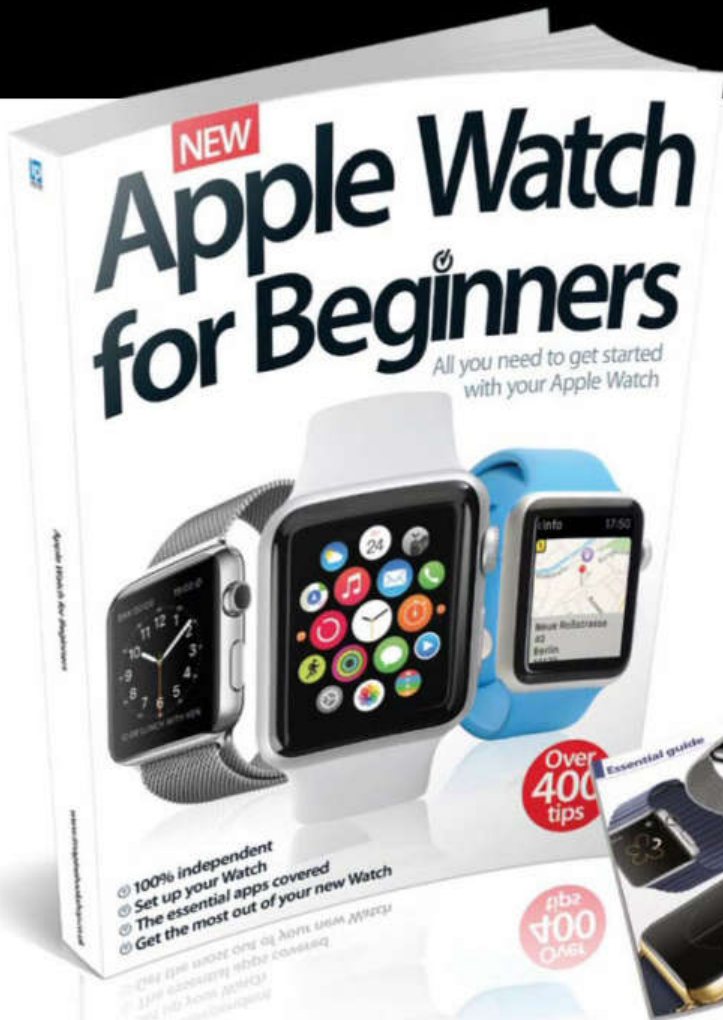
It takes time to learn it, but you will be handsomely repaid.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0  
| Freemium | v2.0  
● Android | OS 4.0  
| Freemium | v1.2



From the makers of **Apps** magazine

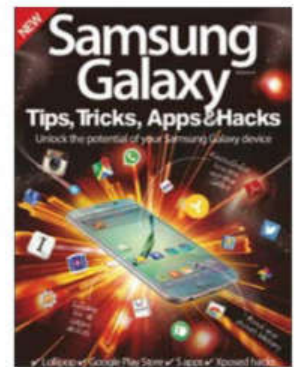


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### Choose your client

You **don't** have to use the official Twitter client with *Twitter Bookmarks*: it supports Safari and Tweetbot too. Tap settings (a cog icon) to change which app opens the Twitter links you follow.

# FIND TWEETS QUICKER WITH BOOKMARKS

» This new app for Twitter fans fills gaps left by the native app – you can save tweets and users for later reference

App developers love building on top of Twitter – even if Twitter doesn't give them much encouragement these days – and *Twitter Bookmarks* is one of those add-ons that you wish was inside the official client for the social network. It supports multiple Twitter accounts, and for each account you can build up a customised grid of links to tweets, user profiles, saved searches and lists (if you're not already familiar with how useful Twitter lists can be, check them out in the official app).

For example, you might want to save a bookmark to a tweet you found particularly funny or that has some important information in it or you might want to keep links to your favourite people on Twitter so you can check their latest posts at any time without having to scroll around in the main timeline. Alternatively, perhaps you'd like to keep a link to a few popular Twitter searches handy. Part of the app's appeal is in its flexibility, and there are plenty of different ways to use it.

*Twitter Bookmarks* isn't hard to use, but we're going to guide you step by step through the process of getting your bookmarks sorted: how to find them, how to save them and how to order them. Even if you're a relative newcomer to Twitter, you shouldn't have any problems in finding your way around, and it helps you appreciate again just what a powerful platform Twitter can be. You are of course going to need a Twitter account to get started, and it helps if you've already associated it with iOS on your iPhone. As yet there's no iPad client and no support for Android devices.

## » THE BOOKMARKS SCREEN

> Pick your type of shortcut

### Users

Keep quick links to specific Twitter user accounts you might otherwise miss in the main Twitter timeline stream (which can move rather fast).

### Lists

Lists can be an incredibly useful way of creating subtimelines. With only a handful of users, based around a topic or an occasion, and you can bookmark them here.

### Tweets

Never lose a tweet again! As the app's name suggests, you can use *Twitter Bookmarks* to keep track of your favourite Twitter posts for easy access.

### Searches

Don't forget Twitter's powerful search tool either: you can save search queries that are run afresh each time you tap on the bookmark link.

About the app...

## TWITTER BOOKMARKS

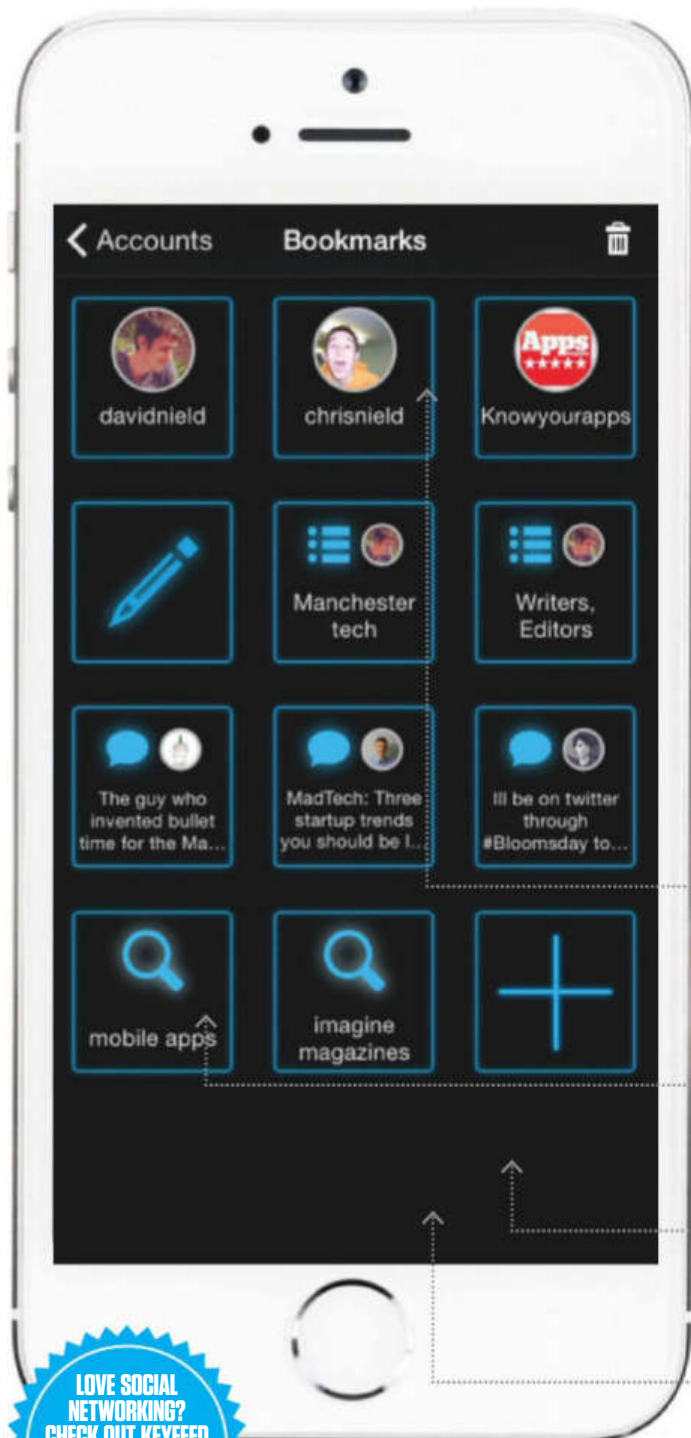
Get easy access to the tweets and the Twitter users that you like the most

• iPhone | iOS 8.0 | £2.29/\$2.99 | v1.0.0

*Twitter Bookmarks* is made by a developer who previously worked on the official *Twitter* iOS client, and it aims to fill some of the gaps in functionality in that app: namely that it's pretty difficult to curate and save posts as they scroll past on the timeline in real-time. The app works seamlessly with multiple user accounts and makes use of the official *Twitter* app installed on your iPhone as well (though it doesn't necessarily have to be there for *Twitter Bookmarks* to work).

**Never lose a tweet or a tweeter in the main stream again. Get all your favourite posts and users instantly.**

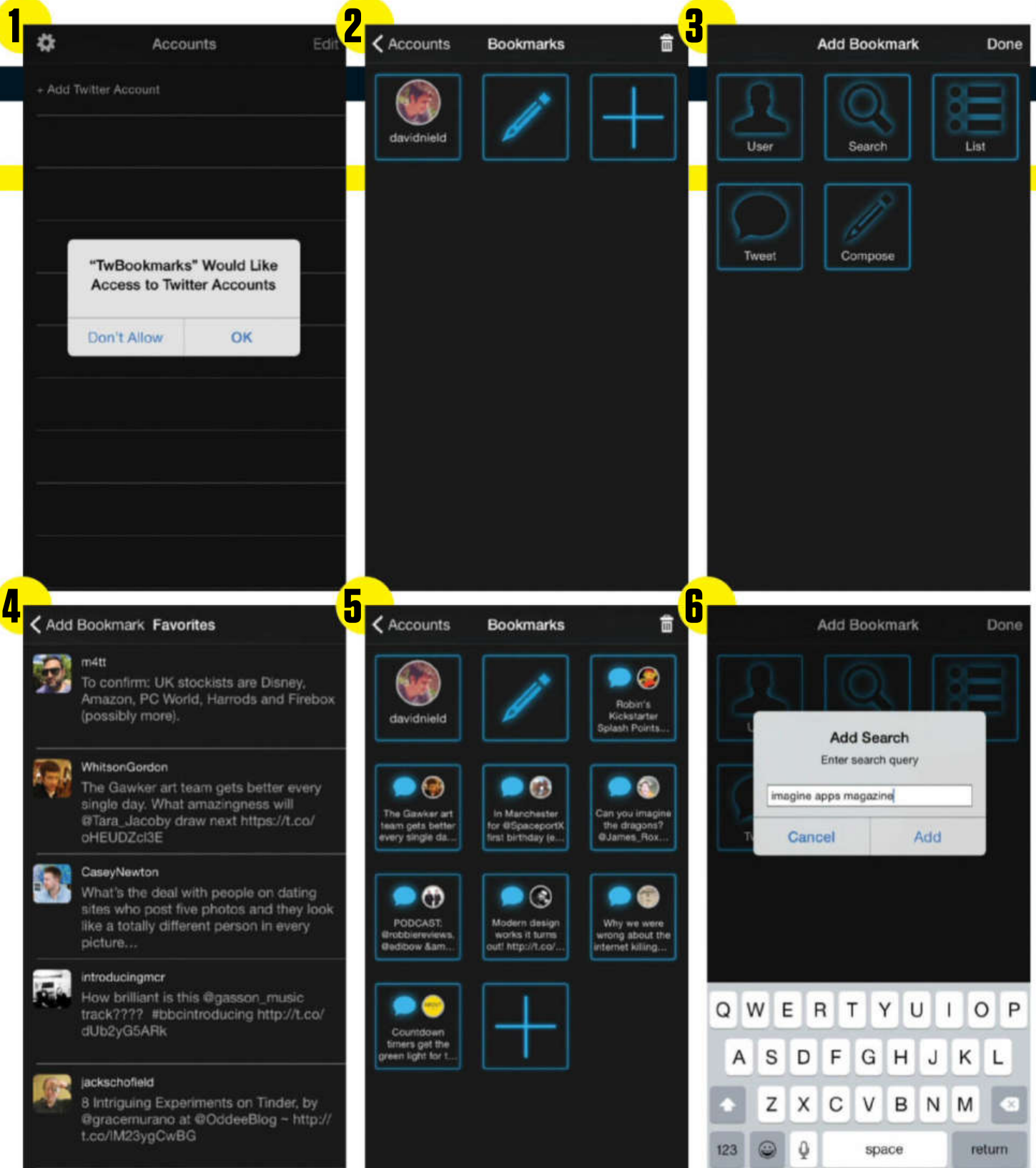
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“Twitter Bookmarks is one of those add-ons that you wish was inside the official client for the social network”





## » TWITTER > Bookmarking your favourite tweets

### 1 LOG IN TO TWITTER

First you need to identify yourself and your Twitter profile: if you're already associated an account with iOS, *Twitter Bookmarks* can use this, otherwise you'll need to log in with your username and password.

### 4 CHOOSE YOUR TWEETS

You can add tweet bookmarks from the clipboard (so you'll need to have copied a tweet from a client app beforehand) or from your list of starred favourites on the network. Tap a tweet to select it.

### 2 CHOOSE YOUR ACCOUNT

You can use several Twitter accounts, though here we've got just one: for each account the left-hand button takes you to your profile, the centre button starts a new tweet and the right-hand one is for bookmarks.

### 5 SELECT TWEETS

Adding more bookmarks will begin to fill up and crowd the grid on your account screen. Here, you can simply tap a tweet to view it, tap and hold to move it around, or tap the trash icon to start deleting.

### 3 ADD BOOKMARKS

Tap the large plus icon on the right-hand side to set up a bookmark. The subsequent screen lets you choose between users, searches, lists, tweets and quick compose links for making tweets of your own.

### 6 SAVE OTHER BOOKMARKS

When bookmarking users you can enter a name or paste one from the clipboard; searches can be entered manually or pulled from ones you've saved and you can bookmark lists made by you or by others.

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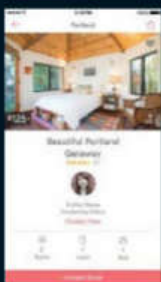
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Learn a new language for free, from grammar basics to translating entire websites.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

#### iPhone/iPad NASA VISUALIZATION EXPLORER



Everything NASA in one place, including news on missions and stunning imagery.

● iOS 5.1 | Free

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### iPhone/iPad/Android NETFLIX



Cross-device viewing thanks to the cloud. An absolute must for subscribers to the service.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

#### iPhone/iPad/Android PLEX



Stream music and video from your desktop, and enjoy content from Plex's channels.

● iOS 5.1.1 | £3.99/\$4.99  
● OS 3.2 | Freemium

#### iPad PROCREATE



Paints, inks and abstract shapes are all readily available, so you can achieve just the effect you're looking for.

● iOS 8.1 | £4.49/\$5.99

#### iPhone/iPad SNEAK



In this game you literally have to sneak up on your phone from a distance to capture photos of the shy monsters.

● iOS 5.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

#### iPhone/Android iPLAYER RADIO



So much more than an extension of the iPlayer catch-up service, with a great interface.

● iOS 6.1 | Free  
● OS 4.0 | Free

#### iPhone/iPad REMOTE



This handy app lets you connect to iTunes wirelessly and play music and movies that are on your Mac or PC.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

#### iPhone/iPad HAUNTING MELISSA



A horror movie for the mobile era, the producer of *The Ring* directs this experimental but highly gripping ghost story.

● iOS 7.1 | Freemium

#### iPhone/iPad ACTION MOVIE FX



Give your home videos some truly epic Hollywood effects with this brilliant free app for your iOS device.

● iOS 5.0 | Freemium

#### iPhone/iPad/Android VLC STREAMER



The streaming service lets you share media from your desktop to your device.

● iOS 6.0 | £1.49/\$1.99  
● OS 4.0 | £1.35/\$1.99

#### iPhone/iPad MORFO 3D FACE BOOTH



Make talking 3D masks of absolutely anyone with this clever, customisable app. Then share the results via email.

● iOS 4.3 | £0.79/\$0.99



## FINANCE

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**POCKETMONEY**

The price you pay for this app is fully justified, thanks to its superior functionality and the useful tips it divulges.

● OS 1.6 | £3.10/\$4.99

**iPhone/ Android**  
**PAYPAL**

Check your current balance, view your account and send money via 16 currencies.

● iOS 7.1 | Free  
● Varies | Free

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**MONEYWIZ**

One of the best finance managers around, with easy-to-use functions.

● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99  
● OS 2.3.3 | £1.55/\$1.99

**iPhone/ Android**  
**BLOOMBERG BUSINESS**

Bloomberg is a must for city traders and anyone who is interested in the stock market.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 2.2 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**DEBT MANAGER**

Offers a clean, simple interface so you can visualise your debt, organise your incomings and outgoings, and pay it off.

● iOS 4.0 | £0.79/\$0.99

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**ISPREADSHEET**

Compatible with Excel, Google Docs and Open Office – manage all of your finances on the go with this app.

● iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99

**iPad/ Android**  
**BILLS**

Track your incomings and outgoings by filtering paid, planned and overdue payments.

● iOS 5.0 | £0.79/\$0.99  
● OS 1.6 | £1.33/\$1.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**SPENDING TRACKER**

Monitor your spending and save money thanks to the charts, graphs and stats in this app.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

**iPhone/ Android**  
**BARCLAYS PINGIT**

Send money between accounts, using just a mobile number, from your device.

● iOS 6.0 | Free  
● OS 2.3 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**MORTGAGE MENTOR**

Compare mortgages side-by-side, work out what the true price would be and manage all of your payments.

● iOS 4.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

## FOOD &amp; DRINK

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**JAMIE'S 20 MINUTE MEALS**

Step-by-step photo recipes, plus extra kitchen tips such as how to sharpen knives.

● iOS 3.1.2 | £4.99/\$6.99  
● OS 2.3 | £1.99/\$7.69

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**OPENTABLE UK**

Find and book a restaurant table in a few taps, whether last minute or planned.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

**iPhone**  
**OTTOLENGHI**

An absolute must for all foodies, this app features mouth-watering full-screen photos and some clever features.

● iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$4.99

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**HOW TO COOK EVERYTHING ESSENTIALS**

The app that's perfect for any level of experience, from oven wizards to toast burners.

● iOS 6.1 | Freemium

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**THE PHOTO COOKBOOK – QUICK & EASY**

With images of every ingredient and steps to each recipe, it couldn't be easier to follow.

● iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$3.99

**iPhone/ Android**  
**FOODSPOTTING**

An essential destination for when you want something different and great to eat.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**PAPRIKA RECIPE MANAGER**

File away your favourite web recipes in this dedicated cooking database.

● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99  
● OS 4.0 | £3.17/\$4.99

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**GREEN KITCHEN – HEALTHY VEGETARIAN RECIPES**

A stylish interface and inspiring recipes prove healthy eating doesn't need to be bland.

● iOS 7.1 | £3.99/\$4.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**EPICURIOUS RECIPES & SHOPPING LIST**

An essential app for culinary masters and budding chefs alike.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 2.3 | Free

**iPad**  
**COOK**

Create your own recipe book, complete with customisable colours and fonts, then share it with your friends online.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

## GAMES

**iPhone/iPad/ Android**  
**HEARTHSTONE**

Cast spells in this online card game from the makers of *World Of Warcraft*.

● iOS 5.1 | Freemium  
● OS 4.0 | Freemium

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**ASPHALT 8: AIRBORNE**

Perform high-octane aerial stunts to get the edge on other racers in this arcade game.

● iOS 6.1.6 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**MONUMENT VALLEY**

Guide your character through a mind-bending world of impossible architecture.

● iOS 6.0 | £2.99/\$3.99  
● OS 2.3.3 | £2.99/\$3.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**ANOMALY 2**

Protect your convoy of troops and attack alien invaders in this top-down strategy game.

● iOS 5.0 | £3.99/\$4.99  
● OS 2.3 | £3.39/\$4.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**HITMAN GO**

Eliminate your enemies as Agent 47 in this puzzle gem from the creators of *Hitman*.

● iOS 6.0 | £3.99/\$4.99  
● OS 2.3.3 | £2.99/\$4.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**BOSON X**

A mix of fast-paced fun and subatomic style makes this endless runner very addictive.

● iOS 4.3 | £2.29/\$2.99  
● OS 2.3.3 | £1.92/\$2.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**GRAND THEFT AUTO: SAN ANDREAS**

Control the criminal underworld in this epic mobile version.

● iOS 6.0 | £4.99/\$6.99  
● OS 3.0 | £4.99/\$6.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**FM HANDHELD 2015**

Master tactics to climb up the leagues and sign players to make the best team.

● iOS 5.0 | £7.99/\$8.99  
● OS 2.3.3 | £6.99/\$9.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**MINECRAFT – POCKET EDITION**

Create your own personal *Minecraft* world, block by block.

● iOS 5.1.1 | £4.99/\$6.99  
● Varies | £4.99/\$6.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**REPUBLIQUE**

Escape from a prison in this stealth-action adventure. Solve puzzles to earn your freedom.

● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99  
● OS 4.0 | £3.21/\$4.99

## HEALTH

**iPhone/ Android**  
**ENDOMONDO**

*Endomondo* is the most social fitness experience around and covers a wide range of sports.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

**iPhone/ Android**  
**ZOMBIES, RUN!**

Run to stay alive in a world infested with zombies in this immersive AR workout.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$3.99  
● OS 4.0 | £2.99/\$3.99

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**CARDIOGRAPH**

Simply hold your thumb over your device's camera lens to monitor and track your heart rate.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**CALORIE COUNTER**

Your ultimate calorie guide with a massive database as well as exercises and social links.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

**iPhone/ Android**  
**NIKE+ RUNNING**

This app requires a pair of Nike shoes that have an insert for the Nike+ sensor.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**YOU ARE YOUR OWN GYM**

Military-grade workout app that requires no fitness equipment bar your device.

● iOS 5.0 | £2.29/\$2.99  
● OS 2.2 | £1.99/\$2.99

**iPhone/ Android**  
**7 MINUTE WORKOUT CHALLENGE**

A fast-paced work out with exercises, videos and tracker.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.29/\$2.99  
● OS 2.3.3 | £1.29/\$1.94

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**MOVES**

*Moves* automatically tracks your everyday exercise to motivate you to do more and set goals.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 4.0 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**RUNTASTIC PUSH-UPS PRO**

Plan your workout in this stylish app and receive motivation from the voice coach.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.99/\$1.99  
● Varies | £1.99/\$1.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**HEALTHTAP**

Post your concern and a qualified doctor will respond with a diagnosis fairly swiftly.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 4.0 | Free

## LIFESTYLE

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**SNAPGUIDE**

This community-driven guidebook is a wonderful resource. Browse its many topics and get all sorts of handy tips.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**DAY ONE JOURNAL**

Record your life with this magazine-like app for your memories, ideas and photos. Share online or keep private.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

**iPhone/ Android**  
**START BY TACK**

Minimalist alarm clock and stopwatch that launches set apps when you wake.

● iOS 5.0 | £3.99/\$5.99  
● OS 3.0 | £0.65/\$0.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**FANCY**

Searching and sharing items on *Fancy* is all about becoming a curator of cool.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**AROUNDME**

This is a handy app to use in an unfamiliar place when you need to find local amenities.

● iOS 5.1.1 | Free  
● OS 2.3 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**ICONICAL**

Create your own bespoke icons for your apps either by painting a design in-app or by uploading an image.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

**iPad**  
**eBAY FOR IPAD**

This app is not only great to keep up with your shopping, but also a wonderful place to browse for bargains.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

**iPad**  
**MARTHA STEWART CRAFTSTUDIO**

Create decorative cards in-app with hints and tips provided by Martha herself.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium

**iPad**  
**WEDDING PLANNER FOR IPAD**

Plan everything, from your big day's budget to the colour scheme and the seating plan with this detailed wedding app.

● iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**IA WRITER**

Aspiring novelist? This is the perfect space to express yourself in a clean, distraction-free environment.

● iOS 7.1 | £3.99/\$4.99

## MEDICAL

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**VISUAL ANATOMY**

View rotatable 3D images from *Gray's Anatomy* of selected organs or regions of the body.

● iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99  
● OS 2.0 | £1.60/\$2.69

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**VISION TEST**

This app tests your vision through a series of exams, and includes an optician finder.

● iOS 6.0 | Free  
● OS 2.2 | Free

**iPad**  
**SKELETON SYSTEM PRO III**

This dissection of the human skeleton goes into incredible detail with plenty of room for adding your own notes.

● iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**PREGNANCY+**

Monitor your baby's development week by week and log doctor's appointments.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● OS 3.0 | Freemium

**iPhone/iPad**  
**SNORELAB**

Worried about how much you snore? Find out how loud you sound with this app, then get tips on how to reduce it.

● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**uHEAR**

As hearing loss usually happens over a period of time, *uHear* is a good app for monitoring your hearing.

● iOS 4.3 | Free

**iPhone/ iPad/ Android**  
**PROGNOSIS: YOUR DIAGNOSIS**

Uses case studies for better diagnosis in patients by doctors.

● iOS 6.0 | Free  
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

**iPhone/ Android**  
**BREATHING ZONE**

Reduce stress and see your breathing patterns displayed in colourful graphics.

● iOS 5.1 | £2.99/\$3.99  
● OS 2.2 | £1.99/\$3.99

**iPad**  
**HEART PRO III**

Lifelike depictions of the heart and circulatory system that can be rotated 360° to appreciate its complexity.

● iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

**iPhone/ iPad**  
**FAMILY ILLNESS AND SHOT TRACKER**

Keep a digital diary of your family's shots, vaccinations, medicines, illnesses and more.

● iOS 3.1.3 | £1.49/\$1.99

# THE TOP 200 GREATEST APPS EVER

## WHAT'S HOT?

### INSTAGRAM

New navigation tools make this photo app easier to explore.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### REDSHIFT ASTRONOMY

Inspired by Pluto photos? Study the cosmos with this detailed star map.

● iOS 4.3 | £7.99/\$9.99

### iPLAYER RADIO

You can now save programmes from BBC's radio stations offline.

● iOS 7.1 | Free  
● OS 4.0 | Free

### GOOGLE MAPS

The map app now has improved directions for public transport.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### SNAPSEED

The photo editor now has a full suite of new tools for you to use.

● iOS 8.0 | Free  
● OS 4.1 | Free

## WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE APP? GET IN TOUCH...

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## MUSIC

### iPhone/iPad GARAGEBAND

Use simple gestures to play piano, organ, guitar and drums. Upload tracks to YouTube, SoundCloud and more.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

### iPhone/iPad FIGURE

Make music in minutes with this easy-to-use interface. Export results to iTunes Audio Sharing.

● iOS 7.0 | £0.79/\$0.99

### iPad/Android DJAY 2

Take tracks from your library and start mixing them together on this brilliant turntable app.

● iOS 7.0 | £6.99/\$7.99  
● OS 4.1 | £2.99/\$4.99

### iPad THE ORCHESTRA

Explore three centuries of classical music with this interactive mix of music as well as video content.

● iOS 7.0 | £10.49/\$13.99

### iPhone/iPad/Android SPOTIFY MUSIC

Build customised playlists from millions of tracks and share them with the world.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

### iPhone/iPad/Android SOUNDHOUND

Hum a tune or sing a lyric and SoundHound will give you the full name of the song and artist.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

### iPhone/Android SOUNDWAVE

Discover new music with this running feed of what everyone is listening to.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 2.3 | Free

### iPhone/Android SHAZAM

An extraordinary app, Shazam can identify songs by listening to them for a few seconds.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

### iPhone/iPad/Android TIDAL

Enjoy high definition music streaming and playlists chosen by music industry experts.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 4.1 | Free

### iPhone/iPad/Android iPLAYER RADIO

Listen to BBC radio stations anywhere. It can even allow you to save podcasts offline.

● iOS 7.1 | Free  
● OS 4.0 | Free

## NAVIGATION

### iPhone/iPad/Android GOOGLE MAPS

Back on iOS and still the undisputed king of the mapping world. This app is all you need.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/Android PLANE FINDER

View near real-time air traffic maps that let you track the paths of aircraft above you.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$3.99  
● OS 2.2 | £2.99/\$2.99

### iPhone/Android GEOCACHING

Join the world's biggest treasure hunt by becoming a Geocacher. It's great fun.

● iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99  
● Varies | £6.99/\$9.99

### iPhone HOPSTOP TRANSIT DIRECTIONS

Get real-time subway, bus, train, taxi, walking and biking directions in an instant.

● iOS 6.0 | Freemium

### iPhone MAPS 3D PRO - GPS TRACKS FOR BIKE, HIKE, SKI & OUTDOOR

Ideal for the mountains: view 3D maps and plan your route.

● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

### iPhone/iPad/Android WAZE SOCIAL GPS, MAPS & TRAFFIC

Get instant travel updates from other users on the road.

● iOS 6.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/iPad SPYGLASS

Augmented reality navigator and compass that lets you track your location and work out bearings in real-time.

● iOS 6.1 | £2.99/\$3.99

### iPhone/iPad HILL LISTS

Provides geographical details for highland, hilltop and mountain walks across the UK and Republic of Ireland.

● iOS 6.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

### iPhone KAMINO

Explore your city with these user-generated walking tours with turn-by-turn directions or share your own with others.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

### iPhone/iPad/Android VIEWRANGER OUTDOOR GPS & MAPS

Get off the beaten track with this map app, ideal for planning hikes.

● iOS 5.1 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

## NEWS

### iPhone/iPad/Android FLIPBOARD

It's not only one of the best news apps around, it's also great fun to use on your device.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/iPad/Android BBC NEWS

This app lets you watch live news feeds over Wi-Fi, so you can always stay informed.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/iPad/Android POCKET CASTS

Stay up-to-date with all the latest podcasts with one easy-to-use cross-platform download.

● iOS 8.0 | £2.99/\$3.99  
● OS 4.1 | £2.49/\$3.99

### iPhone/iPad/Android POCKET

Pocket lets you save any article, image or video you find online for you to view it later.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/iPad DOWNCAST

Download and listen to your favourite podcasts directly from your iPhone or iPad without the need to sync with iTunes.

● iOS 7.1 | £2.29/\$2.99

### iPhone/iPad/Android LINKEDIN PULSE

With a focus on business news, tailor this reader to follow all of your favourite RSS feeds.

● iOS 8.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/iPad/Android INSTAPAPER

Save feature articles and blog posts for later offline reading in this paper-like reader.

● iOS 8.0 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

### iPad SKY NEWS FOR IPAD

Watch live streams from the TV station in the palm of your hands. Feature-rich, brimming with content and totally free.

● iOS 6.0 | Freemium

### iPhone/Android YAHOO NEWS DIGEST

Get twice-daily summaries of the top news stories, complete with infographics.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 4.0 | Free

### iPhone/iPad PEEKSTER

Scan articles in select newspapers to create a digital version on your iPhone, which you can save for later or share online.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium

## PHOTO & VIDEO

### iPhone/iPad/Android YOUTUBE

Stream videos from the popular website, now with voice search and picture to picture.

● iOS 6.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/iPad iMOVIE

Apple's official video-editing app makes it easy to fine-tune the videos you shoot on the go with simple gesture controls.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

### iPhone/iPad/Android ADOBE PHOTOSHOP TOUCH

Edit images on the go with a range of touch-control tools using this essential software.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99  
● OS 4.0 | £2.99/\$9.99

### iPhone/Android INSTAGRAM

With a wide range of cool filters and a great community you can create amazing photos.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/iPad HALFTONE 2

Create a comic book starring your friends and family by applying speech bubbles and borders to images.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

### iPhone/iPad/Android CAMERA ZOOM FX

Take up to ten shots per second with this high-speed snapper, then apply filters to photos.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$3.99  
● OS 1.6 | £1.79/\$2.99

### iPhone/iPad/Android SNAPSEED

This app has quite simply become the go-to image editing app across all devices.

● iOS 8.0 | Free  
● OS 4.1 | Free

### iPhone MEXTURES

Create and combine your own filters and textures for truly individual Instagram photos.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

### iPhone/iPad/Android FLICKR

Offering 1TB of online storage, this app is great for showcasing and sharing your best photos.

● iOS 8.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

### iPhone/iPad/Android SEENE

Capture 3D photos and share them online or embed them on your website.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 4.1 | Free



## PRODUCTIVITY

**iPhone/iPad/ Android  
EVERNOTE**

Create a note on your device and save it to the cloud, where it can be picked up and edited.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● Varies | Freemium

**iPhone/iPad/ Android  
DROPBOX**

Access your images, documents or any other type of digital file you like, anywhere.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium  
● OS 4.0.3 | Freemium

**iPhone/iPad  
NUMBERS**

This spreadsheet was designed for your touchscreen, enabling you to calculate figures and create graphs with ease.

● iOS 8.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

**iPhone/iPad  
CLEAR**

This purely gesture-based app has one of the most innovative and intuitive interfaces of virtually any app around.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

**iPhone/iPad  
PAGES**

This versatile app lets you create, edit and view documents as well as create attractive, customised pages.

● iOS 8.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

**iPhone  
GLOBO**

Ideal for the travelling businessman, track the time in different cities around the world and set location-based alarms.

● iOS 7.0 | £0.99/\$0.99

**iPhone/iPad  
KEYNOTE**

Create a world-class presentation with this top app. Including a range of impressive themes and customisable features.

● iOS 8.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

**iPhone/iPad/ Android  
IF BY IFTTT**

Make your life easier by putting the internet to work and automating online services.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 4.0.3 | Free

**iPhone/iPad  
BUY ME A PIE CLASSIC**

Write a list and sync it between devices so that you and your flatmates can all keep track of who's buying what.

● iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99

**iPad  
PAPER BY FIFTYTHREE**

A wonderfully character-filled sketching and creative app where users can purchase other themed tools.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium

## REFERENCE

**iPhone/iPad  
BRIAN COX'S WONDERS  
OF THE UNIVERSE**

With wonderful images, animations and video content, it's a must-have for any stargazer.

● iOS 7.0 | £4.99/\$5.99

**iPhone/iPad/ Android  
GOOGLE TRANSLATE**

Translate to and from 64 languages, speech from 17 languages, and listen in 24.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● Varies | Free

**iPhone/iPad/ Android  
WOLFRAMALPHA**

Find essential information that is well presented and easy to use in this clever app.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.29/\$2.99  
● OS 2.1 | £1.86/\$2.99

**iPhone/ Android  
SCRIBO – THE WORLD'S  
LARGEST ONLINE LIBRARY**

All the reference books you'll need, available offline.

● iOS 6.0 | Freemium  
● OS 2.2 | Freemium

**iPhone/iPad  
REDSHIFT – ASTRONOMY**

This exquisite app brings the night sky to your device, with all major planets and constellations displayed.

● iOS 4.3 | £9.99/\$11.49

**iPhone/iPad  
BAREFOOT WORLD ATLAS**

Interactive 3D globe for children, beautifully rendered with details of all the countries of the world.

● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

**iPhone/iPad  
ARTICLES**

Browse Wikipedia using this excellent reader, which offers great formatting and customisation options.

● iOS 6.1 | Free

**iPhone/iPad/ Android  
QUORA**

The place to go with your burning questions, with the community providing answers.

● iOS 7.0 | Free  
● OS 3.0 | Free

**iPhone/iPad/ Android  
CHAMBERS DICTIONARY**

Clear, accurate and occasionally witty definitions, plus a detailed thesaurus.

● iOS 5.5.1 | £4.99/\$6.99  
● OS 2.2 | £4.99/\$6.99

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LONDON – A CITY  
THROUGH TIME**

Explore 2,000 years of one of the world's greatest cities with articles, photos and video.

● iOS 5.1 | £10.49/\$13.99

## SOCIAL

**iPhone  
TWEETBOT 3 FOR TWITTER  
(IPHONE & IPOD TOUCH)**

Perfect for heavy Twitter users, it includes multiple timelines and smart gestures.

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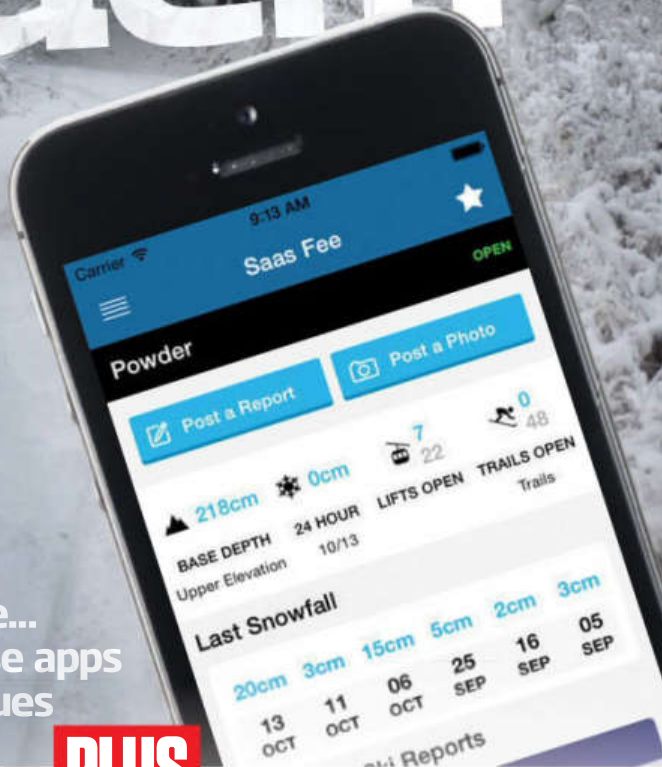
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